

HB 2130 - S COMM AMD

By Committee on Governmental Operations

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "Sec. 1. RCW 43.60A.160 and 2006 c 343 s 3 are each amended to
4 read as follows:

5 (1) There is created in the department a veterans innovations
6 program((, which consists of the defenders' fund and the competitive
7 grant program)). The purpose of the veterans innovations program is to
8 provide crisis and emergency relief and education, training, and
9 employment assistance to veterans and their families in their
10 communities.

11 (2) Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for the
12 specific purposes provided in this section, the department must:

13 (a) Establish a process to make veterans and those still serving in
14 the national guard or armed forces reserve aware of the veterans
15 innovations program;

16 (b) Develop partnerships to assist veterans, national guard, or
17 reservists in completing the veterans innovations program application;
18 and

19 (c) Provide funding to support eligible veterans, national guard
20 members, or armed forces reserves for:

21 (i) Crisis and emergency relief; and

22 (ii) Education, training, and employment assistance.

23 **Sec. 2.** RCW 43.60A.175 and 2011 c 60 s 37 are each amended to read
24 as follows:

25 (1) The department may receive gifts, grants, or endowments from
26 public or private sources that are made from time to time, in trust or
27 otherwise, for the use and benefit of the purposes of the ((~~defenders'~~
28 ~~fund and the competitive grant~~) veterans innovations program and spend

1 gifts, grants, or endowments or income from the public or private
2 sources according to their terms, unless the receipt of the gifts,
3 grants, or endowments violates RCW 42.17A.560.

4 (2) The department may adopt rules under chapter 34.05 RCW as
5 necessary to carry out the purposes of RCW 43.60A.160 through
6 43.60A.185.

7 (3) The department may perform all acts and functions as necessary
8 or convenient to carry out the powers expressly granted or implied
9 under chapter 343, Laws of 2006.

10 **Sec. 3.** RCW 43.60A.185 and 2010 1st sp.s. c 37 s 924 are each
11 amended to read as follows:

12 The veterans innovations program account is created in the state
13 treasury. Moneys in the account may be spent only after appropriation.
14 Expenditures from the account may be used only for purposes of the
15 veterans innovations program. (~~During the 2009-2011 fiscal biennium,~~
16 ~~the funds may be used for contracting for veterans' claims assistance~~
17 ~~services.))~~

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** The following acts or parts of acts are each
19 repealed:

20 (1) RCW 43.60A.165 (Defenders' fund--Eligibility for assistance)
21 and 2007 c 522 s 952 & 2006 c 343 s 4;

22 (2) RCW 43.60A.170 (Competitive grant program) and 2010 1st sp.s.
23 c 7 s 115 & 2006 c 343 s 5;

24 (3) RCW 43.131.405 (Veterans innovations program--Termination) and
25 2006 c 343 s 10; and

26 (4) RCW 43.131.406 (Veterans innovations program--Repeal) and 2010
27 1st sp.s. c 37 s 925, 2010 1st sp.s. c 7 s 116, & 2006 c 343 s 11."

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28 On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "program;" strike the

1 remainder of the title and insert "amending RCW 43.60A.160, 43.60A.175,
2 and 43.60A.185; and repealing RCW 43.60A.165, 43.60A.170, 43.131.405,
3 and 43.131.406."

EFFECT: Repeals sunset provisions in order to provide that the Veterans Innovations Program does not terminate on June 30, 2016.

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