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**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5589**

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**By** Senate Government Operations & Elections (originally sponsored by Senators Pridemore, Tom, and Murray)

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1            AN ACT Relating to the consolidation of certain councils, boards,  
2 committees, and commissions; amending RCW 43.60A.010 and 43.60A.080;  
3 creating new sections; and repealing RCW 43.60A.170, 43.131.405, and  
4 43.131.406.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

6            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.**    The traumatic brain injury grant advisory  
7 board must be dissolved by July 1, 2010. The traumatic brain injury  
8 council shall assume all duties and powers of the traumatic brain  
9 injury grant advisory board necessary to retain any federal grants.

10           **Sec. 2.**    RCW 43.60A.010 and 2006 c 343 s 2 are each amended to read  
11 as follows:

12           As used in this chapter the following words and phrases shall have  
13 the following meanings unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

- 14           (1) "Department" means the department of veterans affairs.
- 15           (2) "Director" means the director of the department of veterans  
16 affairs.
- 17           (3) "Committee" means the veterans affairs advisory committee.
- 18           (~~(4) "Board" means the veterans innovations program board.~~)

1           **Sec. 3.** RCW 43.60A.080 and 1995 c 25 s 1 are each amended to read  
2 as follows:

3           (1) There is hereby created a veterans affairs advisory committee  
4 which shall serve in an advisory capacity to the governor and the  
5 director of the department of veterans affairs. The committee shall be  
6 composed of seventeen members to be appointed by the governor, and  
7 shall consist of the following:

8           (a) One representative of the Washington soldiers' home and colony  
9 at Orting and one representative of the Washington veterans' home at  
10 Retsil. Each home's resident council may nominate up to three  
11 individuals whose names are to be forwarded by the director to the  
12 governor. In making the appointments, the governor shall consider  
13 these recommendations or request additional nominations.

14           (b) One representative each from the three congressionally  
15 chartered or nationally recognized veterans service organizations as  
16 listed in the current "Directory of Veterans Service Organizations"  
17 published by the United States department of veterans affairs with the  
18 largest number of active members in the state of Washington as  
19 determined by the director. The organizations' state commanders may  
20 each submit a list of three names to be forwarded to the governor by  
21 the director. In making the appointments, the governor shall consider  
22 these recommendations or request additional nominations.

23           (c) Ten members shall be chosen to represent those congressionally  
24 chartered or nationally recognized veterans service organizations  
25 listed in the directory under (b) of this subsection and having at  
26 least one active chapter within the state of Washington. Up to three  
27 nominations may be forwarded from each organization to the governor by  
28 the director. In making the appointments, the governor shall consider  
29 these recommendations or request additional nominations.

30           (d) Two members shall be veterans at large. Any individual or  
31 organization may nominate a veteran for an at-large position.  
32 Organizational affiliation shall not be a prerequisite for nomination  
33 or appointment. All nominations for the at-large positions shall be  
34 forwarded by the director to the governor.

35           (e) No organization shall have more than one official  
36 representative on the committee at any one time.

37           (f) In making appointments to the committee, care shall be taken to

1 ensure that members represent all geographical portions of the state  
2 and minority viewpoints, and that the issues and views of concern to  
3 women veterans are represented.

4 (2) All members shall have terms of four years. In the case of a  
5 vacancy, appointment shall be only for the remainder of the unexpired  
6 term for which the vacancy occurs. No member may serve more than two  
7 consecutive terms, with vacancy appointments to an unexpired term not  
8 considered as a term. Members appointed before June 11, 1992, shall  
9 continue to serve until the expiration of their current terms; and  
10 then, subject to the conditions contained in this section, are eligible  
11 for reappointment.

12 (3) The committee shall adopt an order of business for conducting  
13 its meetings.

14 (4) The committee shall have the following powers and duties:

15 (a) To serve in an advisory capacity to the governor and the  
16 director on matters pertaining to the department of veterans affairs;

17 (b) To acquaint themselves fully with the operations of the  
18 department and recommend such changes to the governor and the director  
19 as they deem advisable; and

20 (c) To exercise the powers granted under RCW 43.60A.160 through  
21 43.60A.185 related to the competitive grant program.

22 (5) Members of the committee shall receive no compensation for the  
23 performance of their duties but shall receive a per diem allowance and  
24 mileage expense according to the provisions of chapter 43.03 RCW.

25 NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. The following acts or parts of acts are each  
26 repealed:

27 (1) RCW 43.60A.170 (Competitive grant program--Veterans innovations  
28 program board--Travel expenses) and 2006 c 343 s 5;

29 (2) RCW 43.131.405 (Veterans innovations program--Termination) and  
30 2006 c 343 s 10; and

31 (3) RCW 43.131.406 (Veterans innovations program--Repeal) and 2006  
32 c 343 s 11.

33 NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. The HIV early intervention program steering  
34 committee must be dissolved by July 1, 2010. The HIV/AIDS education  
35 program review panel must assume all duties and powers of the HIV early

1 intervention program steering committee necessary to retain any federal  
2 grants.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** The HIV policy collaborative must be  
4 dissolved by July 1, 2010. The HIV/AIDS education program review panel  
5 must assume all duties and powers of the HIV policy collaborative  
6 necessary to retain any federal grants.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** (1) All documents and papers, equipment, or  
8 other tangible property in the possession of a consolidated or  
9 dissolved entity under this act shall be delivered to the custody of  
10 the entity assuming the responsibilities of the consolidated or  
11 dissolved entity or if such responsibilities have been eliminated,  
12 documents and papers shall be delivered to the state archivist and  
13 equipment or other tangible property to the department of general  
14 administration.

15 (2) All funds held by, or other moneys due to, the consolidated or  
16 dissolved entity shall revert to the fund from which they were  
17 appropriated, or if that fund is abolished to the general fund.

18 (3) All contractual rights and duties of an entity shall be  
19 assigned or delegated to the entity assuming the responsibilities of  
20 the consolidated or dissolved entity, or if there is none to such  
21 entity as the governor shall direct.

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