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5 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
6 following:

7 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. The department of veterans affairs, to
8 the extent funds are made available, shall: (1) Contract with
9 professional counseling specialists to provide a range of direct
10 treatment services to war-affected state veterans and to those national
11 guard and reservists who served in the Middle East, and their family
12 members; (2) provide additional treatment services to Washington state
13 Vietnam veterans for post traumatic stress disorder, particularly for
14 those veterans whose post traumatic stress disorder has intensified or
15 initially emerged due to the war in the Middle East; (3) provide an
16 educational program designed to train primary care professionals, such
17 as mental health professionals, about the effects of war-related stress
18 and trauma; (4) provide informational and counseling services for the
19 purpose of establishing and fostering peer-support networks throughout
20 the state for families of deployed members of the reserves and the
21 Washington national guard; (5) provide for veterans' families, a
22 referral network of community mental health providers who are skilled
23 in treating deployment stress, combat stress, and post traumatic
24 stress."

25 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. The department shall coordinate the
26 programs contained in section 1 of this act with the services offered
27 by the department of social and health services, local mental health

1 organizations, and the federal department of veterans affairs to
2 minimize duplication."

3 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. The department of veterans affairs shall
4 give priority in its counseling and instructional programs to treating
5 state veterans located in rural areas of the state, especially those
6 who are members of traditionally underserved minority groups, and women
7 veterans."

8 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. The department of veterans affairs shall
9 design its post traumatic stress disorder and combat stress programs
10 and related activities to provide veterans with as much privacy and
11 confidentiality as possible and yet consistent with sound program
12 management."

13 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. Sections 1 through 4 of this act are
14 each added to chapter 43.60A RCW."

15 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 6. This act is necessary for the immediate
16 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
17 state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take
18 effect immediately."

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22 On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "dependents;" strike the
23 remainder of the title and insert "adding new sections to chapter
24 43.60A RCW; and declaring an emergency."