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ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL 1437

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1            AN ACT Relating to audits of services for veterans; and creating a  
2 new section.

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

4            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** (1) The legislative budget committee shall  
5 conduct an examination of the department of veterans affairs, the  
6 Washington soldiers' home at Orting, and the Washington veterans' home  
7 at Retsil. The examination shall specifically address:

8            (a) The quality of patient care at the Washington soldiers' home  
9 and the Washington veterans' home to determine the quality of patient  
10 care and whether staffing ratios and funding are sufficient; and

11            (b) A determination as to whether funds in the revolving funds  
12 governed under RCW 72.36.120 and 72.36.130 are being expended for the  
13 benefit and welfare of the members of these homes, and whether any of  
14 these funds are being inappropriately transferred to administrative  
15 offices in Olympia.

16            (2) To ensure that there is no duplication of effort, prior to  
17 conducting the examination, the legislative budget committee shall  
18 confirm that these specific issues have not been fully addressed by  
19 recent federal or other audits. If these issues have been fully

1 addressed by other audits, the legislative budget committee shall  
2 report on the findings of these audits. If these issues have not been  
3 fully addressed by other audits, the legislative budget committee shall  
4 conduct the examination described in subsection (1) of this section.

5 (3) The legislative budget committee shall report the results of  
6 their findings and any recommendations to the legislature by January 1,  
7 1994.

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