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ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1818

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By House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Karahalios, Sehlin, R. Meyers, Schmidt, Peery, Wood, Zellinsky, Edmondson, Stevens, Schoesler, Flemming, Mielke, Thomas, Foreman, Eide, Campbell, Pruitt, Holm and Talcott)

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1 AN ACT Relating to military dependent communities; adding a new  
2 section to chapter 43.06 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that military base  
5 expansions, closures, and defense procurement contract cancellations  
6 may have extreme economic impacts on communities and firms. The  
7 legislature began to address this concern in 1990 by establishing the  
8 community diversification program in the department of community  
9 development. While this program has helped military dependent  
10 communities begin the long road to diversification, base expansions or  
11 closures or major procurement contract reductions in the near future  
12 will find these communities unable to respond adequately, endangering  
13 the health, safety, and welfare of the community. The legislature  
14 intends to target emergency state assistance to military dependent  
15 communities significantly impacted by defense spending. The emergency  
16 state assistance and the long-term strategy should be driven by the  
17 impacted community and consistent with the state plan for  
18 diversification required under RCW 43.63A.450(4).

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 2.**    A new section is added to chapter 43.06 RCW  
2 to read as follows:

3        (1) The governor may, by executive order, declare a community to be  
4 a "military impacted area."    A "military impacted area" means a  
5 community or communities, as identified in the executive order, that  
6 experience serious social and economic hardships because of a change in  
7 defense spending by the federal government in that community or  
8 communities.

9        (2) If the governor executes an order under subsection (1) of this  
10 section, the governor shall establish a response team to coordinate  
11 state efforts to assist the military impacted community.    The response  
12 team may include, but not be limited to, one member from each of the  
13 following agencies:    (a) The department of community development; (b)  
14 the department of trade and economic development; (c) the department of  
15 social and health services; (d) the employment security department; (e)  
16 the state board for community and technical colleges; (f) the higher  
17 education coordinating board; (g) the department of transportation; and  
18 (h) the Washington energy office.    The governor may appoint a response  
19 team coordinator.    The governor shall seek to actively involve the  
20 impacted community or communities in planning and implementing a  
21 response to the crisis.    The governor may seek input or assistance from  
22 the community diversification advisory committee, and the governor may  
23 establish task forces in the community or communities to assist in the  
24 coordination and delivery of services to the local community.    The  
25 state and community response shall consider economic development, human  
26 service, and training needs of the community or communities impacted.

27        (3) The governor shall report to the next session of the  
28 legislature as to the designation of a military impacted area.    The  
29 report shall include recommendations regarding whether a military  
30 impacted area should become eligible for (a) funding provided by the  
31 community economic revitalization board, public facilities construction  
32 loan revolving account, Washington state development loan fund, basic  
33 health plan, the public works assistance account, department of trade  
34 and economic development, employment security department, and  
35 department of transportation; (b) training for dislocated defense  
36 workers; or (c) services for dislocated defense workers.

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