

1 **SB 6779** - H COMM AMD

2 By Committee on State Government

3 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the  
4 following:

5 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that placing a high  
6 priority on the continuation of military activities at the military  
7 bases located in our state is in the best interest of the state and the  
8 United States. The combined efforts of the state and local governments  
9 and the private sector, working in partnership with the United States  
10 military, will be required to avoid the closure of these bases.  
11 Therefore, the joint committee on veterans' and military affairs is  
12 tasked to conduct a Washington military facilities study to determine  
13 and coordinate statewide efforts needed to ensure all military  
14 facilities in Washington retain their premier status with respect to  
15 their national defense missions.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) The joint committee on veterans' and  
17 military affairs shall inform the governor and the legislature on  
18 matters affecting the operational viability of military facilities  
19 within Washington through:

20 (a) Understanding the mission of each military facility in  
21 Washington;

22 (b) Examining the integral role of Washington facilities within  
23 the national defense structure;

24 (c) Identifying any obstacles to the mission of each facility  
25 according to criteria used by its respective branch of service;

26 (d) Examining methods and options for outsourcing and privatizing  
27 military base infrastructure support activities;

28 (e) Examining any law, ordinance, requirement, rule, or regulation  
29 that impacts each facility's mission;

30 (f) Evaluating any locally developed proposals intended to  
31 mitigate the impact of military facilities on surrounding areas or the  
32 impact of nonmilitary activities in surrounding areas on the mission of  
33 military facilities; and

1 (g) Studying the economic impacts of the facilities on the  
2 Washington economy.

3 (2) The joint committee shall make recommendations to the governor  
4 and the legislature regarding actions needed to ensure the viability of  
5 military facilities, including:

6 (a) Expenditures appropriate to ensure the proper functioning and  
7 continued operation of military facilities within the state;

8 (b) Required changes to state law, local ordinances, local zoning  
9 requirements, or any other state or local requirement, rule, or  
10 regulation in order to encourage the continued operation of military  
11 facilities within the state; and

12 (c) Any required actions to be taken by the state at the federal  
13 level in support of military facilities within the state.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** In carrying out the requirements of this  
15 act, the joint committee shall invite participation and seek input from  
16 any experts it deems appropriate, but at minimum shall consult with  
17 representatives and nonelected community leaders of each county and  
18 city containing a major military facility and the military authorities  
19 of each military base in the state.

20 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** The committee shall begin work on the  
21 Washington military facilities study immediately after the completion  
22 of the legislative session. It shall continue until such time as the  
23 consensus of committee membership is to conclude."

24 Correct the title.

**EFFECT:** Requires the Joint Committee on Veterans' and Military  
Affairs to conduct a Washington military facilities study instead  
of creating a task force to carry out the same duties. Deletes  
facilitating the privatization of base infrastructure as the  
primary goal, and adds examining outsourcing and privatizing  
military base infrastructure support activities as an item to  
study. Punctuation and paragraph numbering corrections are made.