

Appropriations Committee

HB 2227

Brief Description: *Establishing the eastern Washington veterans' home.*

Sponsors: *Representatives Ahern, Gombosky, Schoesler, Wood, Benson, Haigh, Schindler, Conway, Cox, Reardon, D. Schmidt, Talcott, Campbell and Bush; by request of Department of Veterans Affairs.*

Brief Summary of Bill

- *Establishes an Eastern Washington veterans' home.*

Hearing Date: *4/11/01*

Staff: *Linda Brooks (786-7153).*

Background:

The Washington Department of Veterans' Affairs (WDVA) operates two state veterans homes that provide long-term care for veterans and their spouses. The homes are the Soldiers' Home at Orting and the Veterans' Home at Retsil. Both homes are funded through a combination of funds that include state general funds, per diem payments from the federal Department of Veterans' Affairs, Medicaid payments, and contributions from residents' incomes.

Summary of Bill:

An Eastern Washington veterans' home is established. The WDVA is authorized to operate and manage the Eastern Washington veterans' home in the same manner as other state veterans' homes.

Appropriation: *None.*

Fiscal Note: *Requested on March 30, 2001.*

Effective Date: *Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.*