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1 AN ACT Relating to a military facilities task force; and creating
2 new sections.

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

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

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

1 (a) Understanding the mission of each military facility in
2 Washington;

3 (b) Examining the integral role of Washington facilities within the
4 national defense structure;

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

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

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

11 (f) Evaluating any locally developed proposals intended to mitigate
12 the impact of military facilities on surrounding areas or the impact of
13 nonmilitary activities in surrounding areas on the mission of military
14 facilities; and

15 (g) Studying the economic impacts of the facilities on the
16 Washington economy.

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

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

22 (b) Required changes to state law, local ordinances, local zoning
23 requirements, or any other state or local requirement, rule, or
24 regulation in order to encourage the continued operation of military
25 facilities within the state; and

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

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

34 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** The joint committee shall begin work on the
35 Washington military facilities study immediately after the completion

1 of the legislative session. It shall continue until such time as the
2 consensus of committee membership is to conclude.

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