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Sponsor(s): Senators Winsley, Kastama, Oke, Franklin, Swecker, Rasmussen, Keiser, Schmidt and Shin

Brief Description: Concerning veterans and veterans' relief.

SB 6142 - DIGEST

Declares an intent that each county develop programs or procedures that are consistent with the welfare of the indigent and suffering veteran and eligible family members and that adequately include the veterans' community at large and provide for the public good.

Requires a county legislative authority to create a veterans' advisory board to represent indigent and suffering veterans and their family members within the county. The county legislative authority must determine the membership of the veterans' advisory board and its policies and procedures. However, members must be broadly representative of the veterans' community and consist of at least fifty-one percent veterans, as that term is defined in RCW 41.04.007.

Declares that it is the responsibility of the county, veterans' service organizations, veterans' coalitions, or not-for-profit organizations administering or operating the veterans' assistance program under this act to submit reports to the county legislative authority on the operation of the program.

Repeals RCW 73.08.030, 73.08.040, and 73.08.060.