<u>SB 5123</u> - H AMD TO SGTA COMM AMD (H-3282.2/07) **657**By Representative Anderson

OUT OF ORDER 4/11/2007

On page 1, beginning on line 3 of the striking amendment, strike all material through "49.60.250" on page 19, line 37 and insert the following:

"NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. A new section is added to chapter 73.04 RCW to read as follows: The director of the department of veterans affairs shall study state, federal, and local programs serving veterans. The director shall provide the appropriate legislative committees with a comprehensive report on programs, resources, and benefits available to veterans and their families under federal, state, and local programs. The report must include terms of assistance under federal and state law. The director shall also make recommendations to the appropriate legislative committees about improving outreach regarding current services available to veterans and their families. The director must provide the report and recommendations to the appropriate legislative committees no later than December 1, 2008"

EFFECT: Strikes the provisions of the striking amendment that includes "honorably discharged veteran or military status" as a basis for discrimination under the Washington Law Against Discrimination. Requires the Department of Veterans Affairs to study state, federal, and local programs serving veterans and report the findings to the appropriate legislative committees.