
**State Government & Tribal
Affairs Committee**

SB 5253

Brief Description: Creating a list of and decal for veteran-owned businesses.

Sponsors: Senators Kilmer, Swecker, Hobbs, Shin, Kohl-Welles, Regala, Marr, Hatfield, Murray, Weinstein, Rockefeller, Keiser, Sheldon, McAuliffe, Clements, Kauffman, Franklin, Eide, Jacobsen, Rasmussen and Honeyford.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Requires the Department of Veterans Affairs to develop and maintain a registry of veteran-owned businesses; to make the list available on its web site, and to create a decal to identify veteran-owned businesses.

Hearing Date: 3/16/07

Staff: Marsha Reilly (786-7135).

Background:

The Department of Veterans Affairs (Department) provides a variety of services to veterans, including assistance with finding employment, submitting entitlement claims, managing long-term health care, obtaining counseling for post-traumatic stress syndrome, and addressing a variety of other needs specific to veterans.

Summary of Bill:

The Department shall develop and maintain a current list of veteran-owned businesses and make that list available on the Department's web site. The Department must also create a decal to be distributed to veteran-owned businesses. The purpose of the decal is to identify a business to the public as a veteran-owned business.

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To qualify as a veteran-owned business, a business must be 51 percent owned and controlled by a veteran or an active or reserve member in any branch of the armed forces of the United States, including the National Guard, Coast Guard, and Armed Forces Reserves.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.