

HB 1876 - H AMD 73

By Representative McCune

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1 On page 2, beginning on line 12, strike all of subsections (4) and
2 (5) and insert the following:

3 "(4) All moneys deposited into the account must be used by the
4 department for activities that benefit veterans including, but not
5 limited to, providing programs and services that assist veterans with
6 the procurement of durable medical equipment, mobility enhancing
7 equipment, emergency home or vehicle repair, or emergency food or
8 emergency shelter. The first priority for assistance provided through
9 the account must be given to veterans who are experiencing a financial
10 hardship and do not qualify for other federal or state veterans
11 programs and services. Funds from the account may not be used to
12 supplant existing funds received by the department.

13 (5) For the purposes of this section, "veteran" has the same
14 meaning as in RCW 41.04.005 and 41.04.007, and also means an actively
15 serving member of the national guard or reserves, or is active duty
16 military personnel."

EFFECT: Expands the uses of the funds in the disabled veterans
assistance account to include emergency home or vehicle repair and
emergency food or emergency shelter, with the first priority being
given to veterans experiencing financial hardship. Defines "veteran"
for determining eligibility for assistance from the disabled veterans
assistance account.

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