

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT
SECOND SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2040

64th Legislature
2015 Regular Session

Passed by the House March 5, 2015
Yeas 97 Nays 0

Speaker of the House of Representatives

Passed by the Senate April 8, 2015
Yeas 47 Nays 0

President of the Senate

Approved

Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

I, Barbara Baker, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SECOND SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2040** as passed by House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

Chief Clerk

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**Secretary of State
State of Washington**

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By House Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives McCabe, Caldier, Senn, Harris, McBride, Dent, Johnson, Sells, Kagi, Kilduff, and Wilson)

READ FIRST TIME 02/27/15.

1 AN ACT Relating to increasing employment for veterans; adding a
2 new section to chapter 73.16 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that veterans are
5 national heroes who have made great sacrifices in their lives for the
6 protection of our nation. The legislature recognizes that many of
7 these veterans reside in Washington where there are a high number of
8 military installations.

9 Over six hundred thousand veterans reside in Washington. The
10 legislature finds that the unemployment rate among these veterans is
11 of great concern, particularly among young veterans. In 2014, the
12 unemployment rate for veterans between the ages of eighteen and
13 twenty-five was approximately twenty-one percent, despite having such
14 diverse and valued skill sets, including expertise in fields such as
15 health care or technology, and strong discipline and leadership
16 abilities.

17 The legislature recognizes the importance of facilitating and
18 focusing on the hiring of our veterans.

19 For these reasons, the legislature intends to create a statewide
20 campaign to increase veteran employment in Washington by engaging
21 state agencies, local governments, and businesses.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 73.16
2 RCW to read as follows:

3 (1) The department of veterans affairs, employment security
4 department, and department of commerce shall consult local chambers
5 of commerce, associate development organizations, and businesses to
6 initiate a demonstration campaign to increase veteran employment.
7 This campaign may include partnerships with chambers of commerce that
8 result in business owners sharing, with the local chamber of
9 commerce, information on the number of veterans employed and the
10 local chambers of commerce providing this information to the
11 department of veterans affairs.

12 (2) Participants in the campaign are encouraged to work with the
13 Washington state military transition council and county veterans'
14 advisory boards as defined in RCW 73.08.035.

15 (3) Funding for the campaign shall be established from existing
16 resources.

17 (4) For the purposes of this section, "veteran" means any veteran
18 discharged under honorable conditions.

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