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By Representatives Kilduff, McCabe, Ryu, Muri, Orwall, and Reeves

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1 AN ACT Relating to requiring annual reporting on the  
2 implementation of laws to streamline licensing processes for military  
3 service members and their spouses; and amending RCW 73.04.150.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 73.04.150 and 2005 c 141 s 1 are each amended to  
6 read as follows:

7 (1) There is hereby created a joint committee on veterans' and  
8 military affairs. The committee shall consist of: (a) Eight members  
9 of the senate appointed by the president of the senate, four of whom  
10 shall be members of the majority party and four of whom shall be  
11 members of the minority party; and (b) eight members of the house of  
12 representatives appointed by the speaker, four of whom shall be  
13 members of the majority party and four of whom shall be members of  
14 the minority party. Members of the committee shall be appointed  
15 before the close of the 2005 legislative session, and before the  
16 close of each regular session during an odd-numbered year thereafter.

17 (2) Each member's term of office shall run from the close of the  
18 session in which he or she was appointed until the close of the next  
19 regular session held in an odd-numbered year. If a successor is not  
20 appointed during a session, the member's term shall continue until  
21 the member is reappointed or a successor is appointed. The term of

1 office for a committee member who does not continue as a member of  
2 the senate or house of representatives shall cease upon the convening  
3 of the next session of the legislature during an odd-numbered year  
4 after the member's appointment, or upon the member's resignation,  
5 whichever is earlier. Vacancies on the committee shall be filled by  
6 appointment in the same manner as described in subsection (1) of this  
7 section. All such vacancies shall be filled from the same political  
8 party and from the same house as the member whose seat was vacated.

9 (3) The committee shall establish an executive committee of four  
10 members, two of whom are members of the senate and two of whom are  
11 members of the house of representatives. The executive committee  
12 shall appoint one cochair from the two executive committee members  
13 who are senators and one cochair from the two executive committee  
14 members who are representatives. The two cochairs shall be from  
15 different political parties and their terms of office shall run from  
16 the close of the session in which they are appointed until the close  
17 of the next regular session in an odd-numbered year. The executive  
18 committee is responsible for performing all general administrative  
19 and personnel duties assigned to it in the rules and procedures  
20 adopted by the joint committee, as well as other duties delegated to  
21 it by the joint committee.

22 (4) The joint committee on veterans' and military affairs has the  
23 following powers and duties:

24 (a) To study veterans' issues, active military forces issues, and  
25 national guard and reserve component issues, and make recommendations  
26 to the legislature; and

27 (b) To study structure and administration of the department of  
28 veterans affairs and the military department, and make  
29 recommendations to the legislature.

30 (5) The joint committee shall adopt rules and procedures for its  
31 orderly operation. The joint committee may create subcommittees to  
32 perform duties under this section.

33 (6) The regulating authorities for the department of licensing  
34 and the department of health shall file reports to the legislature  
35 biennially and the Washington state military transition council  
36 annually beginning January 1, 2018, and appear annually before the  
37 joint committee on veterans' and military affairs, to provide updates

1 on progress in their efforts to implement the requirements of chapter  
2 18.340 RCW, chapter 32, Laws of 2011, and chapter 351, Laws of 2011.

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