
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2200

State of Washington

66th Legislature

2020 Regular Session

By House Housing, Community Development & Veterans (originally sponsored by Representatives Klippert, Kilduff, Leavitt, Van Werven, Griffey, and Volz)

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1 AN ACT Relating to creating the position of military spouse
2 liaison; adding a new section to chapter 43.60A RCW; and creating a
3 new section.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that military
6 spouses make enormous sacrifices in supporting the mission and
7 service of their service members, by leaving their support systems,
8 jobs, and careers. Such sacrifices become harder when resources are
9 not available to assist these spouses transition to new job and
10 career opportunities while living in a new state. The legislature
11 intends to create a liaison whose duties will focus on providing
12 these critical supports to military spouses when they relocate to the
13 state of Washington. The legislature also encourages the United
14 States military to partner with Washington in supporting these
15 necessary investments. The legislature intends to create these
16 initial supports with the hopes that the federal government will make
17 these critical investments in the future.

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 43.60A
19 RCW to read as follows:

1 (1) The position of military spouse liaison is created within the
2 department.

3 (2) The duties of the military spouse liaison include, but are
4 not limited to:

5 (a) Conducting outreach to and advocating on behalf of military
6 spouses in Washington;

7 (b) Providing assistance and information to military spouses
8 seeking professional licenses and credentials or other employment in
9 Washington; and

10 (c) Researching issues facing military spouses and creating
11 informational materials to assist military spouses and their
12 families.

13 (3) The military spouse liaison is encouraged to periodically
14 report on the work of the liaison to the relevant committees of the
15 legislature and participate in policy development relating to
16 military spouses.

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