SENATE BILL 6626

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By Senators Conway, O'Ban, Hunt, Zeiger, Hobbs, Becker, Randall, Short, Brown, and Wagoner

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- 1 AN ACT Relating to creating the position of military spouse
- 2 liaison; and adding a new section to chapter 43.60A RCW.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 4 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 43.60A 5 RCW to read as follows:
- 6 (1) The position of military spouse liaison is created within the department.
- 8 (2) The duties of the military spouse liaison include, but are 9 not limited to:
- 10 (a) Conducting outreach to and advocating on behalf of military 11 spouses in Washington;
- 12 (b) Providing assistance and information to military spouses 13 seeking professional licenses and credentials or other employment in 14 Washington;
- 15 (c) Coordinating research on issues facing military spouses and 16 creating informational materials to assist military spouses and their 17 families;
- (d) Examining barriers and providing recommendations to assist spouses in accessing high quality child care and developing resources in coordination with military installations and the department of

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children, youth, and families to increase access to high quality child care for military families; and

- (e) Developing, in coordination with the employment security department and employers, a common form for military spouses to complete highlighting specific skills, education, and training to help spouses quickly find meaningful employment in relevant economic sectors.
- (3) The military spouse liaison is encouraged to periodically report on the work of the liaison to the relevant standing committees of the legislature and the joint committee on veterans' and military affairs and participate in policy development relating to military spouses.

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