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SENATE BILL 5441

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By Senators Hobbs, Fairley, Holmquist, Rasmussen, Kohl-Welles,  
Franklin, Fraser, Tom, Zarelli, Parlette, Clements, Rockefeller,  
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Operations & Elections.

1            AN ACT Relating to improving veterans' access to services; and  
2            creating a new section.

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

4            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** The department of veterans affairs shall  
5            study efficient ways to increase the department's access to veterans,  
6            and to increase veterans' access to the state and federal assistance  
7            programs for which they may be eligible. By December 1, 2007, the  
8            department shall submit a report to the legislature with  
9            recommendations. The report shall address:

10            (1) How the department can achieve a goal of identifying all  
11            veterans in the state within five years;

12            (2) How the department can efficiently identify veterans as their  
13            population in the state continues to grow;

14            (3) How the department can identify veterans through referrals from  
15            other state agencies that currently provide services to veterans;

16            (4) How the department can effectively inform veterans of the state  
17            and federal programs for which they may be eligible;

18            (5) The potential costs and savings to the state that would result  
19            if the department's recommendations were undertaken; and

1           (6) What legislation would be needed, if any, to undertake the  
2 department's recommendations.

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