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By Representatives Upthegrove, Orwall, Sullivan, Morrell, Ryu, Maxwell, and Ormsby

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1            AN ACT Relating to the veterans innovations program; amending RCW  
2 43.60A.185; repealing RCW 43.131.405 and 43.131.406; and making  
3 appropriations.

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

5            **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.60A.185 and 2010 1st sp.s. c 37 s 924 are each  
6 amended to read as follows:

7            (1) The veterans innovations program account is created in the  
8 state treasury. Moneys in the account may be spent only after  
9 appropriation. Expenditures from the account may be used only for  
10 purposes of the veterans innovations program. (~~During the 2009-2011~~  
11 ~~fiscal biennium, the funds may be used for contracting for veterans'~~  
12 ~~claims assistance services.))~~

13            (2)(a) If the legislature increases future appropriations for the  
14 veterans innovations program above the amounts provided in the 2011-  
15 2013 omnibus appropriations act, the additional amounts may be used to  
16 provide program grants to any veteran, as defined in RCW 73.08.005.  
17 Applicants for such grants, other than members of the Washington  
18 national guard and reservists eligible under RCW 43.60A.165, must show  
19 evidence of local matching resources before the grant may be awarded.

1        (b) If the legislature does not increase future appropriations for  
2 the veterans innovations program above the amounts provided in the  
3 2011-2013 omnibus appropriations act, the department shall continue to  
4 provide program grants exclusively to members of the Washington  
5 national guard and reservists eligible under RCW 43.60A.165.

6        NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. The following acts or parts of acts are each  
7 repealed:

8        (1) RCW 43.131.405 (Veterans innovations program--Termination) and  
9 2006 c 343 s 10; and

10       (2) RCW 43.131.406 (Veterans innovations program--Repeal) and 2010  
11 1st sp.s. c 37 s 925, 2010 1st sp.s. c 7 s 116, & 2006 c 343 s 11.

12       NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. (1) The sum of eight hundred sixty thousand  
13 dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for  
14 the biennium ending June 30, 2015, from the veterans innovations  
15 program account-state to the department of veterans affairs for the  
16 purposes of the veterans innovations program.

17       (2) Fifty thousand dollars of the veterans innovations program  
18 appropriation in this section is for the purposes of section 1(2)(a) of  
19 this act.

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