

**SB 5571 - DIGEST**

Finds that: (1) Washington state has the sixth highest regional concentration of military presence in the country;

(2) Joint Base Lewis-McChord is the second largest installation in the country and the largest in the state; and

(3) The base supports sixty thousand family members and nearly thirty thousand military retirees.

Declares an intent to: (1) Provide the necessary means to assist communities, that have significant military installations, in supporting and sustaining those installations;

(2) Encourage communities to initiate a coordinated program of response and plan of action in advance of future actions of the federal government relating to base realignments and closures; and

(3) Create a military benefit zone program.

Authorizes a sponsoring military community to adopt an ordinance creating a military benefit zone if certain conditions are met.

Authorizes a local government to finance public improvements using military benefit financing subject to certain conditions.