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Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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Establishes the Military Airborne Hazards and Open Burn Pit Registry. (8/1/14)

Proposed law provides that the secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs will monitor the most current published epidemiological studies and recommendations arising as a requirement of 38 U.S.C. 527, and any developments in the study and treatment of conditions associated with exposure to airborne chemicals and fumes caused by open burn pits. Proposed law provides that the secretary will create a database of service members and veterans who have been exposed to burn pits, including the name, address, electronic address, phone number, location and the period of service, and any other information deemed necessary. Proposed law requires the secretary to establish and maintain a public information program in order to educate and inform service members, veterans and their families regarding: 1. The most recent scientific developments on the effects of exposure to open burn pit smoke or other airborne hazards. 2. Availability of possible treatments for their conditions. 3. Applying for service-connected disability compensation. 4. Appealing an existing disability rating decision or requesting an upgrade in disability rating from the U. S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Effective August 1, 2014.

EXPENDITURES	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

REVENUES	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental expenditures as a result of this measure.

The Department of Veteran’s Affairs will use existing databases to incorporate the requirements of the proposed legislation. The department has veteran’s information in the Honor Medals database and has access to The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs database. Information regarding burn pits will be handled by the Public Information Director and Veterans Outreach Coordinator, thus no additional staff would be required.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure.