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Representative Paul Ray proposes the following substitute bill:

VETERANS' AND MILITARY AFFAIRS COMMISSION

2014 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Paul Ray

Senate Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill creates a legislative commission to address veterans' and military affairs issues.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ creates a legislative commission and limits its composition to not more than 23 members;
- ▶ requires the commission to study policy issues related to servicemembers, veterans, and their dependents;
- ▶ further requires the commission to study the impact of military facilities on Utah and how to maximize the benefits of those facilities for veterans and the state;
- ▶ requires the commission to report to the Government Operations Interim

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Committee; and

- ▶ provides a sunset date.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

This bill appropriates in the fiscal year 2014-15:

- ▶ To the Senate, as an ongoing appropriation:
 - from the General Fund, \$7,000, to pay for the Veterans' and Military Affairs Commission.
- ▶ To the House of Representatives, as an ongoing appropriation:
 - from the General Fund, \$10,000, to pay for the Veterans' and Military Affairs Commission.

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

63I-2-236, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2013, Chapter 283

ENACTS:

36-28-101, Utah Code Annotated 1953

36-28-102, Utah Code Annotated 1953

36-28-103, Utah Code Annotated 1953

36-28-104, Utah Code Annotated 1953

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **36-28-101** is enacted to read:

CHAPTER 28. VETERANS' AND MILITARY AFFAIRS COMMISSION

36-28-101. Title.

This chapter is known as the "Veterans' and Military Affairs Commission."

Section 2. Section **36-28-102** is enacted to read:

36-28-102. Veterans' and Military Affairs Commission -- Creation -- Membership -- Chairs -- Terms -- Per diem and expenses.

(1) There is created the Veterans' and Military Affairs Commission.

(2) The commission membership is composed of ~~16~~14 permanent members, but may

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not exceed 23 members, and is as follows:

(a) five legislative members to be appointed as follows:

(i) three members from the House of Representatives, appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives, no more than two of whom may be from the same political party;
and

(ii) two members from the Senate, appointed by the president of the Senate, no more than one of whom may be from the same political party;

(b) the executive director of the Department of Veterans' and Military Affairs or the director's designee;

(c) the chair of the Utah Veterans' Advisory Council;

(d) the executive director of the Department of Workforce Services or the director's designee;

(e) the executive director of the Department of Health or the director's designee;

(f) the executive director of the Department of Human Services or the director's designee;

~~(g) the director of the Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing or the director's designee;~~

~~(h) a representative from the Administrative Office of the Courts who is knowledgeable in court services appointed by the Judicial Council;~~

~~(i) a representative from the Utah National Guard appointed by the adjutant general;~~

~~(j) the Employment Services for Guard and Reserve Transition Assistance Advisor;~~

and

~~(k) a representative from the Board of Regents;~~ ~~and~~

~~(l) a representative from an association of local governments appointed jointly by the speaker of the House of Representatives and the president of the Senate.~~

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(3) The commission may appoint by majority vote of the entire commission up to ~~seven~~ nine additional representatives the commission considers necessary to complete its duties, including:

(a) one representative from the Utah military industry;

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(b) one military affairs representative from a chamber of commerce; ~~and~~

~~(c) five;~~

(c) three representatives of veteran service organizations as recommended by the Veterans Advisory Council; and

(d) four representatives of state and local government agencies ~~and veterans' organizations;~~ or interest groups.

(4) (a) The president of the Senate shall designate a member of the Senate appointed under Subsection (2)(a) as a cochair of the commission.

(b) The speaker of the House of Representatives shall designate a member of the House of Representatives appointed under Subsection (2)(a) as a cochair of the commission.

(5) A majority of the members of the commission shall constitute a quorum. The action of a majority of a quorum constitutes the action of the commission.

(6) The term for each commission member appointed in accordance with Subsection (3) shall be two years from the date of appointment. A member may not serve more than three terms.

(7) If a member leaves office or is unable to serve, the vacancy shall be filled as it was originally appointed. A person appointed to fill a vacancy under this section does not serve the remaining unexpired term of the member being replaced but begins serving a new term.

(8) A member may not receive compensation or benefits for the member's service but may receive per diem and travel expenses in accordance with:

(a) Section 63A-3-106;

(b) Section 63A-3-107; and

(c) rules made by the Division of Finance pursuant to Sections 63A-3-106 and 63A-3-107.

Section 3. Section **36-28-103** is enacted to read:

36-28-103. Duties.

The commission shall:

(1) comply with the rules of legislative interim committees;

(2) study and make recommendations to the Legislature on the following issues as they impact active duty servicemembers, veterans, and their dependents:

(a) reintegration from military to civilian status;

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(b) employment;

(c) finances;

(d) education;

(e) health and mental health, including suicide prevention;

(f) military affairs, including the impact of military bases; and

(g) coordination of state and local government resources to assist active duty servicemembers, veterans, and their dependents; and

(3) consider the unique role of the Utah National Guard and its servicemembers in regard to the issues in Subsection (2).

Section 4. Section **36-28-104** is enacted to read:

36-28-104. Staff support.

The Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel shall staff the commission.

Section 5. Section **63I-2-236** is amended to read:

63I-2-236. Repeal dates -- Title 36.

(1) Section 36-12-15.1 is repealed July 1, 2015.

(2) Sections 36-16a-101 through 36-16a-108 are repealed January 1, 2013.

(3) Sections 36-28-101 through 36-28-104 are repealed January 1, 2019.

Section 6. **Appropriation.**

Under the terms and conditions of Title 63J, Chapter 1, Budgetary Procedures Act, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014, and ending June 30, 2015, the following sums of money are appropriated from resources not otherwise appropriated, or reduced from amounts previously appropriated, out of the funds or accounts indicated. These sums of money are in addition to any amounts previously appropriated for fiscal year 2014.

To Legislature - Senate

From General Fund, Ongoing \$7,000

Schedule of Programs:

Administration \$7,000

To Legislature - House of Representatives

From General Fund, Ongoing \$10,000

Schedule of Programs:

Administration \$10,000

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