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TO: Honorable Leticia Van de Putte, Chair, Senate Committee on Veteran Affairs & Military Installations

FROM: John S. O'Brien, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB1058 by West, Royce (Relating to the creation of a reintegration counseling program for certain veterans and servicemembers.), **As Introduced**

Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds for SB1058, As Introduced: a negative impact of (\$8,432,938) through the biennium ending August 31, 2009.

The bill would make no appropriation but could provide the legal basis for an appropriation of funds to implement the provisions of the bill.

General Revenue-Related Funds, Five-Year Impact:

| Fiscal Year | Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds |
|--------------------|---|
| 2008 | (\$3,018,718) |
| 2009 | (\$5,414,220) |
| 2010 | (\$5,414,220) |
| 2011 | (\$5,414,220) |
| 2012 | (\$5,414,220) |

All Funds, Five-Year Impact:

| Fiscal Year | Probable (Cost) from GENERAL REVENUE FUND 1 |
|--------------------|--|
| 2008 | (\$3,018,718) |
| 2009 | (\$5,414,220) |
| 2010 | (\$5,414,220) |
| 2011 | (\$5,414,220) |
| 2012 | (\$5,414,220) |

| Fiscal Year | Change in Number of State Employees from FY 2007 |
|--------------------|---|
| 2008 | 1.0 |
| 2009 | 1.0 |
| 2010 | 1.0 |
| 2011 | 1.0 |
| 2012 | 1.0 |

Fiscal Analysis

The bill would require the Department of State Health Services to develop and implement a statewide reintegration counseling program for service members and their immediate families.

Methodology

DSHS estimates a cost of \$2,651,250 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2008 and \$5,302,500 in General Revenue in fiscal years 2009-2012 to provide statewide reintegration counseling services to service members and their immediate families. Estimates assume services would be provided for 6 months in fiscal year 2008 to allow time for development and implementation of the program. DSHS estimates 15,000 service and family members would receive an average of 7 reintegration counseling sessions annually. Estimates assume 20 percent of reintegration counseling sessions would be group sessions at a rate of \$16.50 per session and 80 percent would be individual sessions at a rate of \$59.00 per session.

DSHS estimates additional costs of \$166,728 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2008 and \$110,980 in General Revenue in fiscal years 2009-2012 to develop and implement the program. Estimates include \$69,786 in fiscal year 2008 and \$85,468 in fiscal years 2009-2012 for one Full-Time-Equivalent (FTE) position and \$96,942 in fiscal year 2008 and \$25,512 in fiscal years 2009-2012 for administrative costs, including costs for outreach, consultant fees, and provider training.

Technology

In addition, DSHS estimates technology costs of \$200,740 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2008 and \$740 in fiscal years 2009-2012. Estimates include a one-time cost of \$200,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2008 to modify systems to track clients and services and to bill for services and \$740 per fiscal year for computer hardware and software for the additional FTE.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 401 Adjutant General's Department, 537 State Health Services, Department of

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