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### **Transfer Veterans Employment Program from DWD (Veterans Affairs -- Departmentwide, Veterans Programs, and Museums)**

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#### **CURRENT LAW**

Two federally-funded veterans employment programs -- the disabled veterans' outreach program and the local veterans' employment representative program -- are currently administered by the Department of Workforce Development. Under the disabled veterans' outreach program, DWD employs specialists to carry out intensive services to meet the employment needs of eligible veterans. The local veterans' employment representative program provides outreach to employers to assist veterans in gaining employment and to facilitate employment, training, and placement services for veterans.

#### **GOVERNOR**

Increase funding for DVA by \$3,106,000 FED annually and provide 37.0 FED positions, beginning in 2013-14 to reflect the transfer of these two programs from DWD to DVA. Reduce funding and position authority in DWD by corresponding amounts. Include session law provisions that: (a) define these programs; (b) require DWD and DVA to jointly prepare a plan for the transfer of these programs and to submit the plan to the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Labor for approval; and (c) provide for the transfer of assets, liabilities, positions, tangible property, pending matters, contracts and rules and orders from DWD to DVA.

#### **MODIFICATION**

Transfer \$3,106,000 FED and 37.0 FED positions, beginning in 2013-14, from the DVA federal appropriation that supports the costs of caring for nursing home residents at the veterans homes [20.485(1)(m)] to a federal appropriation that supports veterans programs and assistance

[20.485(2)(2)(m)].

**Explanation:** This modification would allocate funding and position authority for the two federal programs that would be transferred from DWD to DVA to the correct appropriation in DVA.

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