

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 172—ASSEMBLYMEN GORELOW, BRITTNEY MILLER; ANDERSON, DURAN, FLORES, GONZÁLEZ, KRASNER, MARTINEZ, C.H. MILLER, MONROE-MORENO, ORENTLICHER AND SUMMERS-ARMSTRONG

FEBRUARY 24, 2021

Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Requires the Nevada Veterans Services Commission to conduct a study relating to the Department of Veterans Services. (BDR S-712)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: Yes.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in ***bolded italics*** is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to veterans; requiring the Nevada Veterans Services Commission to conduct a study concerning the effectiveness of the Department of Veterans Services; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law creates the Nevada Veterans Services Commission and requires the Commission to: (1) advise the Director of the Department of Veterans Services; and (2) make recommendations to the Governor, the Legislature and the Director regarding issues relating to veterans. (NRS 417.150, 417.190) This bill requires the Commission to conduct a study during the 2021-2022 interim concerning the effectiveness of the Department of Veterans Services in performing the mission of the Department and any duties of the Department prescribed by law. Among other things, this bill requires the study to analyze the effectiveness of the Department in providing certain services relating to veterans and members of the military, and the spouses and dependents thereof, who are: (1) lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender or questioning; (2) persons of color; and (3) women. This bill also requires the Commission to: (1) solicit input for the study from veterans by questionnaire; (2) meet monthly; and (3) submit a report that includes the results of the study and any recommendations for legislation to the Legislative Committee on Senior Citizens, Veterans and Adults with Special Needs and present the results and recommendations at a meeting of the Committee.



THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. 1. The Nevada Veterans Services Commission shall conduct a study during the 2021-2022 interim concerning the effectiveness of the Department of Veterans Services in performing the mission of the Department and any duties of the Department prescribed by law. The study must include, without limitation:

(a) An evaluation of any outreach and assistance to veterans and members of the military, and the spouses and dependents thereof, who are:

- (1) Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning.
- (2) Persons of color.
- (3) Women.

(b) An analysis of the effectiveness of any collaboration between the Department and any governmental or nongovernmental agencies that provide services to veterans and members of the military, and the spouses and dependents thereof, including, without limitation, nonprofit organizations, Congressionally Chartered Veterans Service Organizations and the United States Department of Veterans Affairs. Such an analysis must include, without limitation, an evaluation of the effectiveness of any collaboration between the Department and any governmental or nongovernmental agencies in addressing the unique needs of veterans and members of the military, and the spouses and dependents thereof, who are:

- (1) Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender or questioning.
- (2) Persons of color.
- (3) Women.

(c) An analysis of the effectiveness of the Department in aiding and assisting veterans and their spouses and dependents with successfully reintegrating into communities in this State, including, without limitation, the effectiveness of the Department in helping veterans and their spouses and dependents:

(1) Obtain and retain positions of employment with the State Government.

(2) Obtain licensure to practice an occupation or profession in this State.

2. The Commission shall:

(a) By questionnaire, solicit input from veterans for the study described in subsection 1. To the extent practicable, the Commission shall solicit input from veterans of all ages, veterans who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender or questioning, veterans who are persons of color and veterans who are women.

(b) Meet at least once each month.



3. On or before April 1, 2022, the Commission shall submit a report that includes the results of the study and any recommendations for legislation to the Legislative Committee on Senior Citizens, Veterans and Adults with Special Needs and present the results and recommendations at a meeting of the Committee.

Sec. 2. 1. This section becomes effective upon passage and approval.

2. Section 1 of this act becomes effective:

(a) Upon passage and approval for the purpose of performing any preparatory administrative tasks that are necessary to carry out the provisions of this act; and

(b) On July 1, 2021, for all other purposes.

