

Date of Hearing: June 26, 2012

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS

Paul J. Cook, Chair

SB 663 (Correa) – As Amended: January 24, 2012

SENATE VOTE: 38-0

SUBJECT: Veterans: Homeless Veterans

SUMMARY: This bill adds a requirement to the California Department of Veterans Affairs (CDVA) Strategic Plan. Specifically, this bill: requires the CDVA to include in its strategic plan:

1. A review of the goals and objectives relating to homeless veterans, to determine whether the methods the department uses to plan, analyze, develop, monitor, and implement the strategic plan will likely decrease homelessness among veterans.
2. A determination of the number of homeless veterans in this state and the number of those veterans who received benefits from state or federal programs, including, but not limited to, the number of homeless veterans in need of multifamily or transitional housing and the number of those veterans who received benefits for those needs.

In addition, the CDVA must transmit the strategic plan to the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Veterans Affairs and the Chairman of the Assembly Committee on Veterans Affairs.

EXISTING LAW: The CDVA currently produces a strategic plan and annual reports.

FISCAL EFFECT: According to the Senate Appropriations Committee, unknown but less than \$50,000 per year.

COMMENTS: The CDVA already considers special needs populations in its Strategic Plan, including specific consideration of homeless veterans, and could include all of the items in the bill without legislation. The bill will mandate the inclusion of this information and require it be transmitted to the Assembly and Senate Veterans Affairs Committees.

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO.

American GI Forum of California

The American Legion-Department of California

AMVETS- Department of California

California Association of County Veterans Service Officers

Vietnam Veterans of America-California State Council

California State Commanders Veterans Council

Opposition

None at this time.

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