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BILL ANALYSIS

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House Bill 5009 (as passed by the House)
Sponsor: Representative Jacob Hoogendyk
House Committee: Veterans Affairs and Homeland Security
Senate Committee: Senior Citizens and Veterans Affairs

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CONTENT

The bill would amend Public Act 192 of 1953, which allows a county board of commissioners to create a county department of veterans' affairs overseen by a committee of three-to-five veterans appointed by the board, to allow up to two members of that committee to be representative of a single war or conflict. Currently, not more than one member may represent a single war or conflict.

In addition, under the Act, the veterans appointed to the committee must be county residents "who have served honorably on active duty in the armed forces as volunteers or regulars or women marines, or who served actively in a war in which the United States has been, is, or may hereafter be a participant...including the conflict in Vietnam". Under the bill, committee members would have to be county residents "who have served honorably on active duty in the United States armed forces or who served actively in the United States armed forces in a war or received an armed forces campaign or service medal".

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Legislative Analyst: Patrick Affholter

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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