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**OLR Bill Analysis**

**HB 5737 (as amended by House "A")\***

***AN ACT CREATING A VETERANS AND MILITARY TOURISM TRAIL.***

**SUMMARY**

This bill allows the Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA), in consultation with the Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD), to establish a Veterans and Military Tourism Trail that links museums, memorials, battleground sites, and other historic sites related to veterans and the U.S. Armed Forces. It additionally allows DVA to establish a program to publicize the trail and publish an informational brochure on the trail sites' locations and histories, provided the DVA commissioner solicits private donations to cover their costs.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2021

\*House Amendment A makes DVA, rather than DECD, the agency primarily responsible for establishing the trail and its promotional materials and allows it to do so, rather than requiring it. Additionally, it specifies that DVA's authority to provide a promotional program and brochure is contingent upon the commissioner's solicitation of sufficient private funding.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Veterans' Affairs Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 17 Nay 0 (03/18/2021)