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Initiatives that resonate: For Military Spouse Workforce



Collaborate with Private Sector Hiring
400,000 veterans



Implement a Legislative Joint Committee on Veterans Affairs



Building trades journey level certifications of competency
WA ESSB5320



Military Spouse Employment Act
WA 2HSB 1009



Purple Star Award Designation for School Districts
WA SHB 1346



Expand definition of Veterans for benefits - WA HB 1001
Define Armed Forces in state policy



Property Tax Exemptions and Expansions



State Compact licensures – Speech & Audiology, Mental Health, Dentist + Dental Hygienist, Nurses

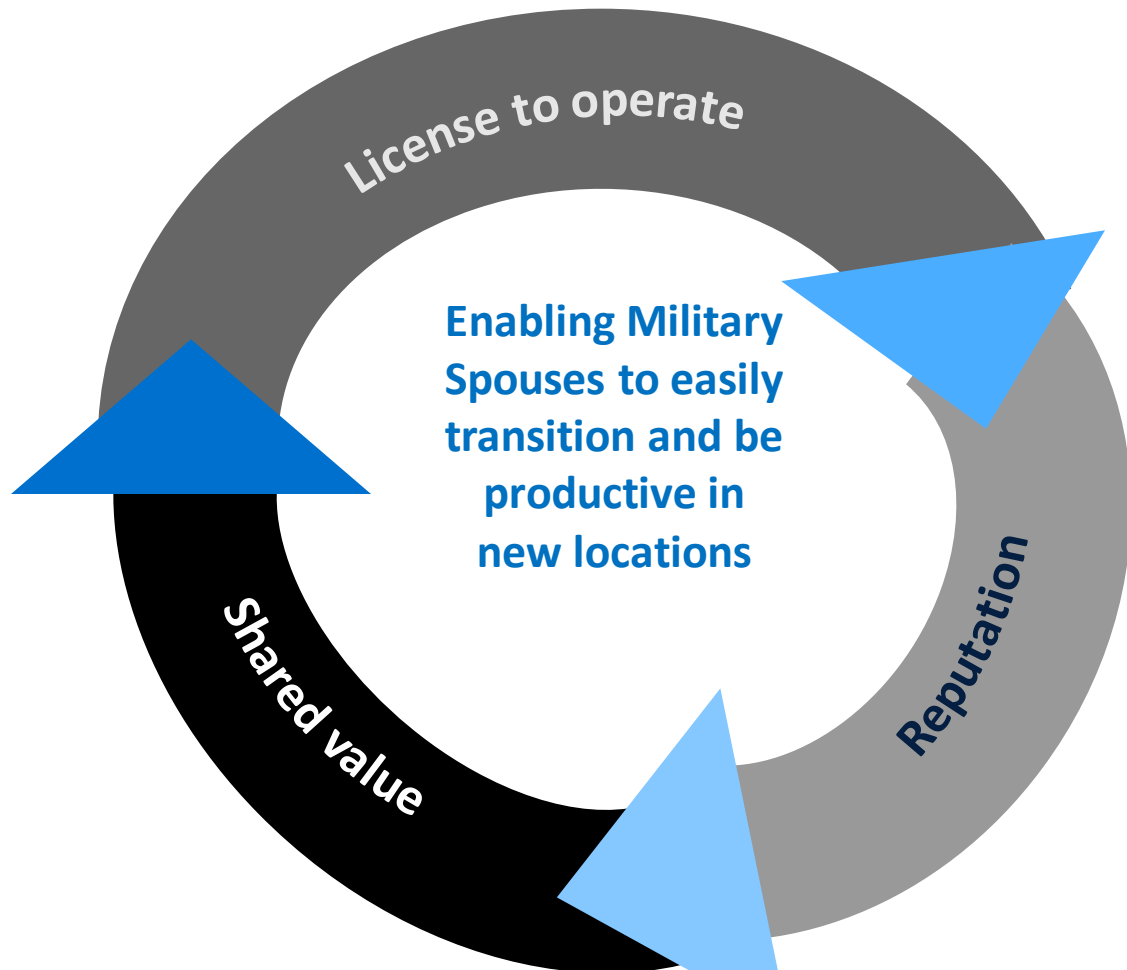


Include Veteran or Military Spouse designee on state task forces
WA 2SSB5263



Military Access to Quality Childcare

Necessary Workforce – Military Spouses



Legislators can build trust and inspire change



Engage stakeholders to participate in dialogue with military spouses



Shape public policy including regulations and legislation to support spouse transition, professionalism and family



Include private, public and philanthropic sectors to collaborate on policy objectives sustainability, and community resilience



Advise the legislature on economic and lifestyle benefits



Partner to build new capabilities and businesses for growth and competitive advantage