
HB 1064 – Addressing veterans’ benefits

Summary: Repeals RCW 73.08.060, restrictions on sending veterans or their families to almshouses.

HB 1065 – Revising veterans' scoring criteria in examinations.

Summary:

- The score adjustment for eligible veterans must be applied to civil service exams whether the state hires a private company to administer the exams, or administers the exams itself.
 - For veterans returning to employment with the state after active military service for one or more years, five percentage points will be added to the score of every promotional examination until the veteran's first promotion, instead of to the score of one promotional examination only.
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SHB 1079 – Regarding hunting and fishing license fees for a person with a disability

Summary:

- Requires the Fish and Wildlife Commission to develop a new definition for the term "person with a disability" in the Fish and Wildlife Code.
 - Changes references in the Fish and Wildlife Code to language that meets respectful language requirements.
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HB 1168 – Regarding disorderly conduct.

Summary: Makes engaging in certain disruptive behavior within 500 feet of a funeral or burial, funeral procession, or memorial service subject to prosecution for disorderly conduct.

SHB 1259 – Allowing the parks and recreation commission to deny or revoke the issuance of a park pass in certain circumstances.

Summary:

- Permits the State Parks and Recreation Commission (Commission) to deny or revoke a parks pass if there is cause.
 - Permits the Commission to enter into agreements for reciprocal discounted programs with other outdoor recreation agencies.
 - Permits the Commission to issue a permit, pass, or other approval for scientific research within a state park that provides for the killing of a bird or other animal.
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HB 1292 – Establishing the eastern Washington state veterans' cemetery.

Summary: The Washington Department of Veterans Affairs (WDVA) is authorized to establish a State Veteran's Cemetery in Eastern Washington. All honorably discharged veterans and their spouses are eligible for internment in the Eastern Washington State Veterans Cemetery. The WDVA is granted rule making authority.

HB 1507 – Creating the uniformed service shared leave pool.

Summary: The Uniformed Service Shared Leave Pool (Pool) is created. Shared leave paid under this Pool, in combination with military salary, may not exceed the level of the employee's state monthly salary. Military salary includes base, specialty, and other pay, but does not include other allowances, such as a housing allowance. Monthly salary includes special pay and shift differential, but does not include overtime pay, call back pay, standby pay, or performance bonuses. Employees requesting leave from the Pool must provide earnings information to the Department of Personnel.

HJM 4017 – Naming portions of Highways 112 and 113 the Korean War Veteran's Blue Star Memorial Highway.

Summary: Requests that the Washington State Transportation Commission commence proceedings to name Highway 113 in Clallam County between the junction of Highway 101 and the junction of Highway 112, and Highway 112 from the junction of Highway 113 to the Makah Indian Reservation in Neah Bay the "Korean War Veteran's Blue Star Memorial Highway(s)."

HJM 4651 - Recognizing Lieutenant Colonel Bruce P. Crandall.

Summary: That the Washington State House of Representatives officially recognize Lieutenant Colonel Bruce P. Crandall for his heroic service in the defense of the United States of America and for his steadfast commitment to the lives and fighting spirit of his fellow pilots and soldiers

SB 5002 – Changing tuition waivers for families of fallen veterans and national guard members.

Summary: Higher education institutions may continue to reduce all or a portion of tuition for military or naval veterans who did not serve on foreign soils or in international waters. State higher education institutions must waive all tuition and fees for the children and spouses of eligible veterans or National Guard members who died, are permanently and totally disabled, are missing in action, or are prisoners of war. To be eligible, a child must be a Washington domiciliary between the age of 17 and 26. A surviving spouse, to be eligible, must be a Washington domiciliary, it must have been 10 years or less since the loss, and must not have remarried. Each recipient's continued eligibility is subject to the school's satisfactory progress policy.

SB 5123 – Protecting persons with veteran or military status from discrimination.

Summary: The Washington Law Against Discrimination is amended to prohibit discrimination based on a person's status as a veteran or member of the military, as it relates to employment; commerce; real estate transactions; places of public resort, accommodation, or amusement; insurance transactions; and credit transactions. "Veteran or military status" is defined to include any honorably discharged veteran as defined in RCW 41.04.007, and any active or reserve member in any branch of the armed forces of the U.S., including the National Guard and Coast Guard.

2SSB 5164 – Expanding the veterans conservation corps program.

Summary:

- Expands the Veterans Conservation Corps to include volunteer projects as well as training, education, certification, and placement programs.
 - Allows the Washington State Department of Veterans Affairs to collaborate with other state agencies that administer the Washington Conservation Corps to identify stewardship and maintenance projects on agency-managed lands that are suitable for the Veterans Conservation Corps Program.
 - Requires the Washington State Department of Veterans Affairs to seek partnerships with federal agencies managing lands in WA for the employment of Veterans Conservation Corps enrollees in environmental restoration projects.
 - Creates a new Account to be used for purposes of the Veterans Conservation Corps program.
 - Requires the Department of Veterans Affairs to provide three reports to the Legislature on various issues concerning the Veterans Conservation Corps program.
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SSB 5242 – Establishing an internship program for wounded combat veterans.

Summary: The Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) must establish an internship program for returning wounded combat veterans. Positions may include, but are not limited to engineering, construction trades, logistics, and project planning. The emphasis of the program should be to assist veterans who served in southern or central Asia, (Operation Enduring Freedom) and the Persian Gulf (Operation Iraqi Freedom). WSDOT may adopt rules to implement this program. Placement of veterans as apprentices under existing apprenticeship programs is encouraged.

SB 5253 - Creating a list of and decal for veteran-owned businesses.

Summary: The Department of Veterans Affairs is directed to create and maintain a list of veteran-owned businesses and to post the list on the Department's public web site. The Department must distribute decals to list-members that identify their businesses as veteran-owned. To be eligible, a business must be at least 51 percent owned and controlled by a veteran as defined in RCW 41.04.007. Businesses may apply to WDVA to be included on the list.

SJM 8008 - Asking that the federal government provide veterans' benefits owed to Filipino veterans.

Summary: The Senate and House of Representatives of the state of Washington petition the President and Congress of the United States to amend the Rescission Act of 1946 to restore to Filipino veterans full United States veteran status with military benefits. The Memorial also petitions the President and Congress to give priority in the issuance of immigrant visas to the descendants of Filipino World War II veterans.

SR 8639 – Recognizing Lieutenant Colonel Bruce P. Crandall.

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