### 2014 Legislative Session
### Veteran / Military Bills

**Bill #** | **Title and Summary** | **Sponsor**
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**HB 2130**<br>C179 L14 | Veterans innovations program –<br>The Defender's Fund and the Competitive Grant Program are combined and referred to as the VIP. | MacEwen

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**SHB 2171**<br>C65 L14 | Veterans, military personnel –<br>Amends the Washington Service Members' Civil Relief Act (WSCRA) to authorize a private right of action, or an action by the Washington Attorney General, to enforce the provisions of the WSCRA. Provides that the federal Servicemembers Civil Relief Act applies in proper cases in Washington courts, and a violation of the federal act is a violation of the WSCRA. | Orwall

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**ESHB 2315**<br>C71 L14 | Suicide prevention –<br>Requires certain professions to complete one-time training in suicide assessment, treatment, and management. Requires the model list of training programs in suicide assessment, treatment, and management to be updated periodically and, when practicable, to contain content specific to veterans. Requires the development of a plan to create a pilot program for psychiatric consultation. Requires the development of the Washington Plan for Suicide Prevention. | Orwall

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**SHB 2363**<br>C180 L14 | Military member dependents –<br>Allows dependents of military service members to retain eligibility for developmental disability services while living out of state due to military assignment. | Muri

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**EHB 2397**<br>C181 L14 | Medal of Honor license plate –<br>Allows registered owners who have been awarded the Medal of Honor to apply for Medal of Honor special license plates for use on up to three motor vehicles registered to the MOH recipient. Medal of Honor Recipients may elect to use the fee exemptions associated with Medal of Honor License Plates for regular issue license plates instead. Removes "Congressional" in reference to the title of the medal. Defines "Medal of Honor" as the military decoration awarded by the President of the United States, in the name of Congress. | Seaquist

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**HB 2744**<br>C182 L14 | Veteran-owned businesses –<br>A qualifying veteran-owned business must be an enterprise incorporated in Washington as a domestic corporation or an enterprise with its principal place of business located in the state. | Hunt, G

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**SB 5318**<br>C183 L14 | Military/resident tuition –<br>The definition of resident student is revised to include the following:<br>• a student who is on active military duty or a member of the National Guard who entered service as a Washington resident and has maintained Washington as their domicile but is not stationed in the state; | Bailey

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- a student who is a spouse or a dependent of a person who is on active military duty or a member of the National Guard entered service as a Washington resident and has maintained Washington as their domicile but is not stationed in the state;
- a student who has separated from the military under honorable conditions after at least two years of service, enters an institution of higher education in Washington within one year of the date of separation, and meets one or more criteria regarding a connection or intended connection to Washington;
- a student who is the spouse or a dependent of an individual who has separated from the military under honorable conditions after at least two years of service, and meets certain criteria regarding a connection or intended connections to Washington.

### Veterans' homes –
**SSB 5691**
C184 L14

The Walla Walla Veterans' home is established and maintained as a branch of the state soldiers' home, and any veterans, veterans' spouses, or parents of children who died while serving in the armed forces may apply for admission. The requirement that a veteran or a veteran's spouse or domestic partner be indigent to apply for admission to a state veterans' home is removed. Parents of any child who died while serving in the armed forces may be admitted as residents to a state veterans' home. The requirement that state veterans' homes provide both domiciliary and nursing care is removed.

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**Hewitt**

### Veterans/drivers' licenses –
**SB 5775**
C185 L14

A person may apply to DOL to obtain a veteran designation on a driver's license or identification card. The person must provide the Department of Defense discharge document, DD Form 214, that shows a discharge status of honorable or general under honorable conditions, and establishes the person's service in the armed forces.

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**Benton**

### Academic credit/military –
**SSB 5969**
C186 L14

Requires each public institution of higher education to adopt a policy to award academic credit for military training courses or programs before December 31, 2015, and submit the policy to the Prior Learning Assessment workgroup for evaluation. Requires each public institution of higher education to provide a copy of their policy to award academic credit for military training to enrolled students who have listed prior or present military service in their application.

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### Veterans' benefits/services –
**SB 6208**
C67 L14

Prohibits a person from certain acts and practices related to assistance in the preparation, presentation, or prosecution of a veterans' benefits claim. Requires advertisements for events regarding veterans' benefits to include a disclaimer. Makes certain prohibited acts and practices a violation of the Consumer Protection Act.

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**Hill**