

# 2019 Regular Legislative Session

## Veteran / Military Bills

Bill #	Title and Summary	Sponsor
I 1000	<b>Affirmative action</b>	People of the State of Washington
C 160 L 19	Amends the provision of law that prohibits the state from discriminating against or granting preferential treatment to an individual or group based on certain characteristics in public employment, public education, and public contracting. Creates the Governor's Commission on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion responsible for directing, monitoring, and enforcing state agency compliance with the initiative and reporting on state agency progress in achieving diversity, equity, and inclusion. Requires a memorandum and draft legislation regarding necessary statutory changes to bring nomenclature and processes in line with the initiative.	
Effective 7/28/2019		
HB 1137	<b>Nat guard pay/wildland fires</b>	Leavitt
C 66 L 19	Modifies pay for National Guard members in active state service. Directs the adjutant general to establish a pay scale for National Guard wildfire response, which takes into account experience and responsibility	
Effective 7/28/2019		
ESHB 1138	<b>Tenancy termination/military</b>	Ryu
C 23 L 19	Amends provisions in the Residential Landlord Tenant Act and the Manufactured/Mobile Home Landlord Tenant Act pertaining to termination of tenancy by a tenant who is a member of the Armed Forces. The criteria may include the tenant: moving 35 miles or more from the location of the rental premises; being discharged or released prematurely from active duty; being released from active duty and the home of record is farther than 35 miles away from the rental premises; being directed by a commanding officer to move into government housing; or receiving temporary duty or change of station orders.	
Effective 7/28/2019		
SHB 1197	<b>Gold star license plates</b>	Riccelli
C 210 L 19	Requires Gold Star license plates to be issued for certain eligible applicants (widows, widowers, parents) without payment of any vehicle license fees and motor vehicle excise taxes. Allows widows and widowers who are eligible to receive the Gold Star license plates but choose instead to receive a standard license plate or any other qualifying special license plate to be exempt from payment of motor vehicle excise taxes.	
Effective 7/28/2019		
SHB 1210	<b>School enrollment/military</b>	Kilduff
C 72 L 19	Provides that children of military families will comply with school district residency requirements if their parent is transferred or pending transfer to a military installation in the state while on active military duty. Requires school districts to conditionally accept applications for enrollment and course registration by electronic means in such circumstances.	
Effective 7/28/2019		

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2SHB 1448 C 223 L 19 Effective 7/28/2019	<b>Veterans service officer prg</b> Creates the Veterans Service Officer Program to provide funding for counties to establish veterans service officers. The substitute bill allows the WDVA to provide funding to eligible counties to maintain, in addition to establish, a VSO. The substitute bill allows the WDVA to provide funding for no more than one full-time equivalent VSO per eligible county. Budget Proviso for 2SHB 1448: Veterans Service Officer Program One-time funding is provided pursuant to Second Substitute House Bill 1448 (veterans service officers), which creates the Veterans Service Officer Program. The funding is for the establishment of pilot programs in two counties (General Fund-State)	Maycumber
HB 1688 C 126 L 19 Effective 7/28/2019	<b>Resident student/veterans</b> Requires a student who is entitled to federal Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Services benefits to receive in-state tuition at public higher education institutions.	Morgan
HB 1934 C 135 L 19 Effective 7/28/2019	<b>Pistol license/armed forces</b> Requires law enforcement to allow a member of the armed forces to renew their concealed pistol license by mail if the person is assigned to out-of-state military service.	Caldier
HB 2058 C 139 L 19 Effective 7/28/2019	<b>Purple Heart license plates</b> Requires Purple Heart license plates to be issued to all eligible applicants without payment of any vehicle license fees, license plate fees, and motor vehicle excise taxes for one motor vehicle.	Callan
ESSB 5160 C 453 L 19 Effective 7/28/2019	<b>Sr's, disab. vets/prop tx ex</b> Modifies the qualifying income thresholds for the property tax exemption and deferral programs for low-income senior citizens, individuals with disabilities, and veterans beginning with taxes levied for collection in 2020. Adjusts the disability rating qualification for the disabled veterans property tax exemption program to 80 percent.	Dhingra
SSB 5612 C 85 L 19 Effective 7/28/2019	<b>Holocaust education</b> Strongly encourages instruction on the Holocaust in every public middle, junior high, and high school. Directs the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) to collaborate with an expert organization to develop best practices and guidelines for high quality instruction on the Holocaust and to encourage, support, and train teachers in implementing them. Requires middle, junior high, and high schools offering Holocaust instruction to follow the best practices and guidelines, beginning September 1, 2020. Directs the OSPI to report to the Legislature with a summary of specified feedback and a recommendation about whether Holocaust instruction should be required in public schools, and if so, in which grades.	Rivers
SSB 5748 C 404 L 19 Effective 7/28/2019	<b>Military installation infra.</b> Creates the defense community infrastructure account and specifies how grants to local governments from the account are to reduce development conflicts with military installations.	Conway

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