



Summary of Veterans Legislation
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SHB 2233 – Tuition waiver for veterans

Summary:

- States the Legislature's intent to make waivers available to all eligible admitted veterans.
 - Requires institutions of higher education to engage in outreach activities to increase the number of veterans who receive tuition waivers.
 - Institutions of higher education must revise their applications for admission to provide applicants with the opportunity to indicate whether they are veterans who need assistance.
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SHB 2471 – Veteran homeownership

Summary: Requires the Housing Finance Commission (HFC) to create and implement a veteran down payment assistance homeownership program by January 1, 2007.

SHB 2497 – National Guard

Summary:

- Allows a qualified person serving in the National Guard to request to suspend payments and stop the accrual of interest on a business loan or extension of credit until after the end of their active service.
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2SHB 2754 – Veterans innovations program

Summary:

- Creates the Veterans Innovations Program (VIP) for the purpose of providing veterans who served in recent military action with crisis and emergency relief, as well as education, training, and employment assistance.
 - Creates two separate programs within the VIP: the Defenders' Fund Program and the Competitive Grant Program, and terminates the VIP on June 30, 2016.
 - Creates the Veterans Innovations Program Account (Account) in the state treasury.
 - Gives veterans returning from service in Iraq and Afghanistan priority when enrolling in the Washington basic health plan.
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EHB 3074 – Military status/defendants

Summary: Amends the Washington Service Members' Civil Relief Act to create a process for determining whether a defendant who does not make an appearance in a civil action or proceeding is a dependant of a person in the military service.

ESH 6236 – Election dates & deadlines

Summary: Moves the date of the primary to the third Tuesday in August and changes election-related dates to conform with the new date of the primary.

SB 6766 – National Guard Scholarship

Summary:

- Expands eligibility for Washington National Guard conditional scholarships to include students who attend programs approved under the Montgomery G.I. Bill.
 - Gives priority to eligible students who attend institutions in Washington that are accredited by the Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges.
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