

## 2023 Regular Legislative Session

### Veteran / Military Bills

Bill Number	Title	Sponsor
<a href="#">HB 1001</a> C 53 L 23	<b>Audiology &amp; speech compact</b> Concerning the audiology and speech-language pathology interstate compact.	Leavitt
<a href="#">SHB 1007</a> C 18 L 23	<b>Military service credit</b> Expands the definition of veteran for purposes of veterans' benefits in state pension systems, legal assistance, scoring criteria on civil service exams, and other programs, to include members that were awarded an expeditionary medal.	Paul
<a href="#">2SHB 1009</a> C 165 L 23	<b>Military spouse employment</b> Establishes requirements for certain state agencies and licensing authorities related to the professional licensing and employment of military spouses. Allows a military spouse to terminate an employment contract without penalty after his or her service member spouse receives orders for a permanent change of station	Leavitt
<a href="#">SHB 1069</a> C 58 L 23	<b>Mental health counselor comp</b> Enacts the Counseling Compact.	Leavitt
<a href="#">E2SHB 1134</a> C 454 L 23	<b>988 system</b> Establishes an endorsement for mobile rapid response crisis teams and community-based crisis teams that meet staffing, vehicle, and training standards, as well as a performance payment program to support them. Directs the University of Washington to develop recommendations for the creation of crisis workforce and resilience training collaboratives to offer voluntary regional trainings for personnel in the behavioral health crisis system. Directs the Department of Health to develop informational materials and a social media campaign to promote the 988 crisis hotline and related crisis lines. Establishes liability protection for several entities and personnel for activities related to the dispatching decisions of 988 crisis hotline staff and the transfer of calls between the 911 line and the 988 crisis hotline. Extends several dates related to reporting, designated 988 crisis contact center hubs, and funding the new crisis call center system platform.	Orwall
<a href="#">SHB 1346</a> C 450 L 23	<b>Purple star award</b> Establishes the Purple Star Award to recognize school districts and schools that demonstrate educational and social-emotional supports to students of military service members. Establishes related administrative duties for the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI), including authorizing the OSPI to collaborate with a qualifying entity in administering the Award.	Shavers
<a href="#">SHB 1355</a> C 147 L 23	<b>Property tax exemptions</b> Expands qualification for the senior citizen, disabled individuals, and qualifying veterans property tax relief program by increasing the calculation of income thresholds. Makes adjustments to income thresholds for property tax relief programs every three years. Allows individuals to continue to qualify for the senior citizen, disabled individuals, and qualifying veterans' property tax exemption if their income increases as the result of certain cost of living adjustments for tax year 2024	Wylie
<a href="#">ESHB 1576</a> C 297 L 23	<b>Dentist compact</b> Enacts the Dentist and Dental Hygienist Compact.	Caldier

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<a href="#">HR 4646</a> H Adopted	<b>Recognizing the aeronautics and military community.</b>	Wilcox
<a href="#">2SSB 5263</a> C 364 L 23	<b>Psilocybin</b> Establishes the Psilocybin Advisory Board (Board) within the Department of Health (DOH) to provide advice and recommendations to the DOH, the Liquor and Cannabis Board (LCB), and the Washington State Department of Agriculture (WSDA), ( <i>Board includes a military veteran or representative of a veterans organization</i> ). Creates an Interagency Work Group of the DOH, the LCB, and the WSDA to provide advice and recommendations, in regular updates, to the Board on developing a comprehensive regulatory framework for a regulated psilocybin system, and other specified topics. Requires the Health Care Authority to establish a Psilocybin Task Force ( <i>which includes includes a military veteran or representative of a veterans organization</i> ), which must provide a final report to the Governor and Legislature by December 1, 2023, on specified topics including clinical information on psilocybin use and regulatory structures for clinical psilocybin use. Grants the DOH certain duties, functions, and powers relating to studies, research, and other information regarding the safety and efficacy of using psilocybin to treat mental health conditions; rule-making authority; and other specified powers relating to psilocybin. Establishes the Psilocybin Therapy Services Pilot Program within the University of Washington Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences.	Salomon
<a href="#">ESSB 5320</a> C 95 L 23	<b>Journey level electricians</b> Modifies the eligibility requirements for obtaining journey level electrician certification. Establishes a temporary pathway for current trainees to obtain journey level electrician certification without completing an apprenticeship program through July 1, 2026. ( <i>A pathway for veterans includes having 8000 hours of experience in the electrical construction trade installing and maintaining electrical wiring and equipment while serving in a construction battalion in the armed forces.</i> )	Saldaña
<a href="#">SB 5323</a> C 327 L 23	<b>Dept. of veterans affairs</b> Provides a public disclosure exemption for veteran's discharge papers held by WDVA. Moves the director of nursing services position at each state veterans' home from WMS to EMS, which is exempt from civil service provisions. Repeals statutory references to the Soldiers' Home Colony, fundraising for the eastern Washington veterans' home, and a requirement to provide domiciliary and medical care.	MacEwen
<a href="#">SSB 5358</a> C 224 L 23	<b>Veterans' services</b> Requires the Washington Department of Veterans Affairs to submit reports to the Legislature to determine the effectiveness of the veterans service officer program, and the veteran peer-to-peer training and support program in meeting veterans' needs. States legislative intent to increase appropriations for the programs, prioritizing smaller counties and counties with below-average rates of veterans receiving federal benefits.	Gildon
<a href="#">SSB 5499</a> C 123 L 23	<b>Multistate nurse licensure</b> Enters Washington into the Nurse Licensure Compact.	Mullet
<a href="#">SGA 9330</a> S Confirmed	<b>DAVID PUENTE JR.</b> Confirming David Puente as the director of the Washington Department of Veterans Affairs	