

<b>Bill #</b>	<b>Title and Summary</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>
<b><u>SHB 1052</u></b> C 14 L 15 Effective date 7/24/2015	<b>Military spouses/higher education –</b> Requires the early course registration process that is available for eligible veterans and National Guard members to be offered to spouses receiving veteran education benefits.	Hayes
<b><u>SHB 1138</u></b> C 67 L 15 Effective date 7/24/2015	<b>Higher education mental health –</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Creates a Task Force on Mental Health and Suicide Prevention at the Higher Education Institutions to determine what policies, resources, and technical assistance are needed to support the institutions in improving access to mental health services, and improving suicide prevention responses.</li> <li>• Requires the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and Legislature by November 1, 2016, including a summary of the data reviewed, best practices and policies for providing mental health services and preventing suicide at the institutions, and recommendations on resources and technical assistance required to increase awareness of behavioral health needs.</li> </ul>	Orwall
<b><u>HB 1277</u></b> C 36 L 15 Effective date 7/24/2015	<b>Military member lodging –</b> Allows transient lodging for military personnel in state armories in nonemergency situations.	Klippert
<b><u>ESHB 1424</u></b> C 249 L 15 Effective date 7/24/2015	<b>Suicide prevention –</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Delays the requirement that certain health professions complete one-time training in suicide assessment, treatment, and management.</li> <li>• Requires trainings in suicide assessments, treatment, and management to meet minimum standards adopted by the Department of Health, including a portion on veterans.</li> <li>• Clarifies that a disciplining authority may not grant a blanket exemption from the training requirements to broad categories or specialties within a profession based on training and experience.</li> </ul>	Orwall
<b><u>HB 1706</u></b> C 143 L 15 Effective date 7/24/2015	<b>College fees/military member –</b> Allows the public institutions of higher education to waive building fees and services and activity fees for those military service members eligible to participate in the United States Department of Defense Tuition Assistance Program.	Stanford
<b><u>2SHB 2040</u></b> C 57 L 15 Effective date 7/24/2015	<b>Veteran employment –</b> Initiates a demonstration campaign to increase veteran employment.	McCabe
<b><u>SB 5085</u></b> C 208 L 15 Effective date 7/24/2015	<b>Gold star license plates –</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The list of individuals who are eligible to receive a Gold Star license plate is expanded to include a sibling of the member of the armed forces who died while in service and as a result of that service.</li> <li>• Widows or widowers with Gold Star license plates are exempt from all taxes and fees that are due annual at vehicle registration for one personal-use motor vehicle.</li> </ul>	Rolfes
<b><u>SSB 5163</u></b> C 210 L 15 Effective date 7/24/2015	<b>Students/military families –</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Requires school districts to report data on students from military families.</li> <li>• Tasks the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction with conducting an analysis of the average number of students from military families who are special education students, and reporting the analysis to the Legislature, with an exception to protect student privacy.</li> </ul>	Hobbs

<a href="#"><u>SSB 5186</u></a> C 30 L 15 E3 Effective date 2016 taxes	<b>Senior's, disabled veterans/property tax exemption –</b> Increases senior citizen and disabled persons property tax relief program income thresholds by \$5,000, for taxes levied for collection in 2016 and thereafter. Includes a tax preference performance statement.	Benton
<a href="#"><u>ESSB 5355</u></a> C 8 L 15 E3 Effective date 7/24/2015	<b>Resident student/veterans –</b> Modifies the definition of resident student for veterans of the uniformed services, including spouses and dependents, receiving veterans administration educational assistance benefits to comply with the Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014. Adds a definition for "active duty service" and "uniformed services."	Bailey
<a href="#"><u>SSB 5633</u></a> C 216 L 15 Effective date 7/24/2015	<b>Helmets to hardhats program –</b> A coordinator for the Helmets to Hardhats program is established in the Washington Department of Veterans Affairs, subject to available funding.	Conway
<a href="#"><u>SB 5793</u></a> C 124 L 15 Effective date 7/24/2015	<b>Child support credit –</b> VA benefits that are apportioned to pay child support on behalf of a veteran's child must be credited to the satisfaction of the veteran's child support obligation for the period for which benefits are paid.	Darneille
<a href="#"><u>ESSB 5843</u></a> C 245 L 15 Effective date 7/24/2015	<b>Outdoor recreation –</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provides the additional consideration of programs that utilize veterans for at least 50 percent of their program implementation or administration for the Director of the State Parks and Recreation Commission to consider when awarding grants from the Outdoor Education and Recreation grant program.</li> <li>Requires the Governor to, subject to funding, appoint and maintain a senior policy advisor on outdoor recreation with a focus on promoting and increasing opportunities for outdoor recreation in Washington.</li> </ul>	Ranker
<a href="#"><u>SB 5958</u></a> C 219 L 15 Effective date 7/24/2015	<b>State veterans' homes –</b> If the resident council for the Orting or Retsil veterans' home is unable to identify a resident to represent the home on the VAAC, the Governor may appoint a member-at-large in place of that home's representative. The VAAC must appoint a liaison to any state veterans' home with no representative appointed to the committee. The veterans' homes liaisons must share information about VAAC business with the resident council of the veterans' home and ensure that issues raised by the veterans' homes residents are included in regular VAAC meetings.	Roach
<a href="#"><u>SB 5974</u></a> C 127 L 15 Effective date 7/24/2015	<b>Disabled veterans supplemental insurance coverage –</b> The Office of the Insurance Commissioner must review current barriers to attracting supplemental plans into the state and report on steps the state and the Department of Veterans Affairs can take to promote access to the supplemental policies. The review of the barriers and recommendations must be submitted to the appropriate committees of the Legislature, the Governor, and the Department of Veterans Affairs by November 11, 2015.	Benton
<a href="#"><u>ESSB 6057</u></a> C 6 L 15 E3 Effective date for B&O Tax for Veterans is October 1, 2016	<b>Relating to Revenue –</b> B&O tax credits are provided to businesses that provide positions to qualified employees. A qualified employee is an unemployed veteran who is employed in a permanent full-time position for at least two consecutive full calendar quarters. Full time is a normal work week of at least 35 hours per week. A veteran is a person who has received a general discharge under honorable conditions, including a discharge for medical reasons with an honorable record, or is currently serving honorably; and who has served as a member in any branch of the armed forces, including the National Guard and armed forces reserves. House Bill Report - 10 - ESSB 6057 Unemployed means that the veteran was unemployed for at least 30 days immediately preceding the date on which the veteran was hired by the person claiming the credit. The credit is equal to 20 percent of wages and benefits paid up to a maximum of \$1,500 for each qualified employment position filled by an unemployed veteran. The credits are available on a first-in-time basis not to exceed \$500,000 in any fiscal year. Credits disallowed in one year can be carried over to the next fiscal year. Priority is given to credits carried over from a previous fiscal year	O'Ban

<b><u>SJM 8008</u></b>	<b>Nat. Guard Stryker Brigade –</b> Requests the conversion of the National Guard's 81st Armored Brigade Combat Team into a new Stryker Brigade Combat Team.	Hobbs
<b><u>SJM 8012</u></b>	<b>Medal of Honor Memorial Highway –</b> Requests the designation of United States Highway 101 to honor recipients of the Medal of Honor.	Hargrove
<b><u>SR 8680</u></b>	<b>Businesses/veteran employment –</b> Commends businesses that have made veteran employment a priority.	O'Ban

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