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<b>1201</b> fd SB 5197(H Hous, Com Dev)	<b><u>National guard ed. grants</u></b>  Kilduff	S Higher Ed & Wo	Renames the Washington State National Guard Conditional Scholarship Program the "Washington National Guard Postsecondary Grant Program" (Grant Program). Transfers the Grant Program administrative functions from the Office of the Adjutant General to the Office of Student Financial Assistance (Office). Establishes additional eligibility requirements for Grant Program participants. Requires the Office to establish rules addressing the terms of repayment of grants from the Grant Program.

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<b>1650</b>	<b><u>LGBTQ</u></b> <b><u>coordinator/veterans</u></b>  APP(Kilduff)	H 2nd Reading	Creates the position of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender coordinator (coordinator) within the Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) and assigns duties to the coordinator. Requires the DVA to submit a report to the Governor and the Legislature by December 15, 2020, containing information regarding the activities of the coordinator.

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<b>1707</b> f	<b><u>Disabled veterans/lic</u></b> <b><u>plates</u></b>  Gildon	H 3rd Reading	Lowers the required percentage for service-related disability required to qualify for the Disabled American Veteran or Former Prisoner of War special license plates from 100 percent to 70 percent.

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<b>1718</b> f#	<b><u>Existing resources/local</u></b> <b><u>gov</u></b>  Volz	H 2nd Reading	Removes prohibitions on supplanting existing local government expenditures with proceeds from a locally imposed 0.1-percent sales and use tax dedicated to mental health and substance abuse. Allows all county authorities to seek voter approval for the criminal justice regular levy. Allows jurisdictions to use revenue generated with a levy lid lift to supplant existing funds. Establishes the Developmental Disability and Mental Health Levy as a separate property tax levy outside of the county general levy. Establishes the Veterans' Assistance Levy as a separate property tax levy outside of the county general levy. Requires the county legislative authority to budget the direct costs of administering the Veterans' Assistance Fund and prohibits the charging of indirect costs or fees.

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<b>1829</b> ##	<b><u>Veterans' assistance levies</u></b>  Chapman	S Ways & Means	Permits counties to collect the veterans' assistance levy as a separate levy, outside of the county's general levy rate.

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<b>2013</b> f	<b><u>Allied veteran emblems</u></b>  Van Werven	H 2nd Reading	Allows Washington residents who are veterans of Allied Forces and were discharged under honorable conditions to apply for and receive Allied Forces veteran remembrance emblems for display on license plates. Requires the Department of Licensing to create and make available Allied Forces veteran remembrance emblems. Requires the Department of Veterans Affairs to certify an applicant's Allied Forces veteran status.

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<b>2185</b> SB 6116(S Higher Ed & Wo)	<b><u>Higher ed residency/military</u></b>  CWD(Leavitt)	H 2nd Reading	SHB: Modifies the definition of in-state resident for tuition purposes to include spouses and dependents of active duty military stationed in the state and who are accepted to a higher education institution before the military member is reassigned out of state, as long as the spouse or dependent enrolls for the term in which they were admitted. Allows residency to be decided at the time of acceptance for spouses and dependents of active duty military residing in Washington, but stationed in an Oregon border county, if the military member is reassigned out of the Oregon border county after acceptance. Restructures the residency statute for students who are active duty military and National Guard members and their spouses and dependents.

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<b>2187</b> SB 6433(S Transportati on)	<b><u>Women veterans license plate</u></b>  TR(Kilduff)	H 2nd Reading	SHB: Creates the Women Veterans special license plate and establishes original and renewal fees for the special license plate. Creates the Women Veterans Account (account) under the authority of the Department of Veteran's Affairs (DVA). Authorizes the DVA to request and accept contributions, grants, or cash to the account, including funds generated by the sales of the Women Veterans special license plate. Directs that funds from the account be used for activities that benefit women service members, women veterans, or their families.

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2188 f	<u>Military veteran CDL waivers</u>  Leavitt	S Transportation	Authorizes the Department of Licensing (DOL) to waive the requirements for the knowledge examination for commercial driver's license (CDL) applicants for current or former military service members that meet certain federal requirements. Requires the DOL to provide an annual report to the House and Senate transportation committees and to the Joint Committee on Veterans' and Military Affairs on the number and types of CDL military service member waivers granted beginning December 1, 2020.

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2200	<u>Military spouse liaison</u>  HOUS(Klippert)	S State Govt/Tri	SUB: Creates the position military spouse liaison (liaison) within the Department of Veterans Affairs and assigns duties to the liaison.

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2261 #	<u>County auditors/marriage</u>  Leavitt	H Rules R	Authorizes county auditors to solemnize marriages. Requires county auditors to issue marriage licenses at the time of application, and removes the three-day waiting period to use a marriage license. Provides that any fee charged by a county auditor for the solemnization of marriage conducted in a county-owned facility must be fixed by the county legislative authority and deposited into an account to be used solely for the purpose of funding behavioral health service programs for veterans.

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2303	<u>Prof. licensing/military</u>  APP(Leavitt)	H 2nd Reading	2SHB: Requires certain state agencies to issue provisional professional licenses for service members and military spouses stationed in Washington.

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2411	<u>Suicide prevention/providers</u>  HCW(Orwall)	S Health & Long	ESHB: Requires advanced suicide prevention training for certain mental health professionals. Requires optometrists and acupuncture and Eastern medicine practitioners to complete one-time training in suicide assessment, treatment, and management. Requires veterinarians and veterinary technicians to complete suicide prevention training. Requires the University of Washington to develop suicide prevention training for the construction industry.

Feb 21 Scheduled for public hearing and executive session in the Senate Committee on Health & Long Term Care at 8:00 AM (Subject to change). (2020)

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2542 f	<u>Child of veteran/tuition</u>  Paul	S Higher Ed & Wo	If the child's parent is determined to be totally disabled after the child turns eighteen, but before age twenty-six, the child has eight years to use the tuition
2543	<u>In-state residency/veterans</u>  CWD(Paul)	S Higher Ed & Wo	SHB: Provides in-state residency to students on terminal, separation, or transition leave pending separation or release from active duty from the uniformed services who have veteran education benefits. Provides in-state residency to students who are the spouse or child of an individual who has separated from the uniformed services with at least 10 years of honorable service, if the student enrolls in a higher education institution in Washington within three years of the service member's date of separation. Expands in-state residency to students who are eligible for transferred Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits. The terminology was expanded for terminal leave to include separation or transition leave.
2544	<u>Definition of veteran</u>  APP(Paul)	S Ways & Means	SHB: Expands the definition of "period of war" for veterans' benefits in state pension systems, legal assistance, scoring criteria on civil service exams, and other programs, to include any armed conflicts where a campaign medal was awarded, rather than listing specific conflicts. Requires the Select Committee on Pension Policy and the Law Enforcement Officers' and Firefighters' Plan 2 Retirement Board to study the provision of free military service credit to members awarded an expeditionary medal, but not a campaign medal.

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2730	<u>Military spouse employment</u> CRJ(Kilduff)	S State Govt/Tri	SHB: Initiates a demonstration campaign to increase military spouse employment. Provides a mechanism in the Washington Service Members' Civil Relief Act to allow a military spouse to terminate an employment contract without penalty. The substitute bill: clarifies terminology pertaining to the statewide plan for increasing military spouse employment; requires the Department of Veterans Affairs, the Employment Security Department, and the Department of Commerce to submit a joint report to the Legislature and the Joint Committee on Veterans' and Military Affairs by December 1, 2020, on the progress of the military spouse employment plan; excludes independent contractor agreements from the definition of "employment contract;" and provides that the mechanism to allow a military spouse to terminate an employment contract without penalty when in receipt of an order for a permanent change in station does not alter the terms, conditions, or practices in a collective bargaining agreement in effect on the effective date of the act until the expiration of the agreement.

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2736 f	<u>State guard retirement age</u> Kilduff	H Rules R	Allows one year extensions to the state guard age limit beyond the age of sixty-four, subject to the discretion of the adjutant general, if: (a) The member is physically and mentally capable to complete all assigned mission tasks; and (b) The Washington state guard officer review board recommends the extension.

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4016 f	<u>SR 902/Gold Star Memorial</u> Riccelli	S Transportation	SR 902 is the route that most visitors take to the State Veterans Cemetery in Medical Lake. The Senate and the House of Representatives request that the WSTC commence proceedings to name State Route 902 the Gold Star Memorial Highway.

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5167 f	<u>Linked deposit program</u> FIET(Hasegawa)	H Inn, Tech & E	ESSB: Adds additional prioritization criteria that the Office of Minority and Women's Business Enterprises must use to award loans to qualified businesses. Requires any line of credit issued under the program with a zero balance for 12 or more months to be removed from the Program. Removes language that would have added \$10M to the Veterans Linked Deposit Program.

Feb 21 Scheduled for public hearing in the House Committee on Innovation, Technology & Economic Development at 10:00 AM (Subject to change). (2020)

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<b>5197</b> fd HB 1201(S Higher Ed & Wo)	<b><u>National guard ed. grants</u></b>  Hobbs	H Hous, Com Dev	Renames the Washington State National Guard Conditional Scholarship Program the "Washington National Guard Postsecondary Grant Program" (Grant Program). Transfers the Grant Program administrative functions from the Office of the Adjutant General to the Office of Student Financial Assistance (Office). Establishes additional eligibility requirements for Grant Program participants. Requires the Office to establish rules addressing the terms of repayment of grants from the Grant Program.

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<b>5544</b>	<b><u>Veterans/CDL waivers</u></b>  TRAN(Hobbs)	S 3rd RdConsCal	2SSB: For CDL applicants that meet the FMCSA requirement, DOL is allowed to waive the knowledge test portion of the CDL process. Beginning December 1, 2020, DOL is required to provide an annual report to the Legislature on the number and types of waivers granted pursuant to the legislation.

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<b>5900</b>	<b><u>LGBTQ coordinator/veterans</u></b>  WM(Randall)	H Hous, Com Dev	SSB: Creates the position of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer coordinator within the Washington Department of Veterans Affairs. The date for the required report regarding the implementation and status of the coordinator is changed to December 15, 2021.

Feb 21 Scheduled for public hearing in the House Committee on Housing, Community Development & Veterans at 10:00 AM (Subject to change). (2020)

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<b>6183</b>	<b><u>Elections/common access card</u></b>  SGTE(Hunt)	S Passed 3rd	SSB: Allows service and overseas voters to use a digital signature generated as part of the Common Access Card to register to vote.

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<b>6209</b> f HB 2376(H HC/Wellnes s)	<b><u>Nurse licensure compact</u></b> HLTC(Randall)	S 2nd Reading	SSB: Establishes the Interstate Nurse Licensure Compact in Washington. Beginning September 1, 2020, and quarterly thereafter, hospitals, psychiatric establishments, ambulatory surgical facilities, nursing facilities, assisted living facilities, hospice care centers, and adult family homes, must report the number of individuals employed or privileged by the facility who hold a multistate nurse license issued by a state other than Washington to the Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission.

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<b>6418</b> fo HB 2655(H Approps)	<b><u>Pensions/"period of war"</u></b> Holy	S 2nd Reading	For purposes of pension, moves definition of veteran reference from 41.04.005 to the pension statutes.

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<b>6626</b> f	<b><u>Military spouse liaison</u></b> Conway	S Passed 3rd	Creates a military spouse liaison position in WDVA similar to HB 2200. Adds requirement to examine barriers and provide recommendations to assist spouses in accessing child care, in coordination with DCYF. Also adds, develop in coordination with ESD a common form for military spouses to complete highlighting skills, education and training to help spouses find meaningful employment.