2026 Regular Legislative Session

Veteran / Military Bills

Bill Number	Title / Bill Summary	Sponsor
2ESHB 1541 C 5 L 26 Effective 6/11/2026	**Veterans affairs advisory committee** Modifies the membership of the Veterans Affairs Advisory Committee by reducing the number of members representing veterans service organizations, increasing the number of at-large members, and adding military experience and personal attributes to member selection.	Abell
SHB 2088 C 18 L 26 Effective 7/1/2028	**Dietitian licensure compact** Enacts the Dietician Licensure Compact.	Leavitt
HB 2417 C 28 L 26 Effective 6/11/2026	**Military code/victim rights** Specifies the rights of a victim of an offense under the Washington Code of Military Justice, including the right to notice of hearings, the right to confer with counsel, and the right to restitution, if available.	Keaton
ESHB 2534 C 32 L 26 Effective 6/11/2026	**Military families/education** Makes changes to school district requirements for enrolling children of military families, transferring their education records, and providing them with services and accommodations.	Shavers
SB 5420 C 207 L 26 Effective 6/11/2026	**Veteran benefits access** Expands eligibility for certain pension, retirement, and veterans' benefits based on military service. Adds federal commissioned corps to definition of uniformed services. Expands type of military service that qualifies military spouses and dependents for pension and retirement benefits, license moratoria, and veterans' employment.	Lovick
SSB 5827 C 146 L 26 Effective 6/11/2026	**Veterans/discharge definition** Expands the types of acceptable documentation to prove a "qualifying discharge" from military service for purposes of claiming the veterans' preference in civil service, to include a predischarge certification.	Gildon

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2SSB 6035 C 214 L 26 Effective 6/11/2026	**Voting services** Directs county auditors and the Secretary of State to schedule meetings with federally recognized Indian tribes to discuss various matters relating to voting access on Indian reservations and tribal land. Authorizes the Secretary of State to, within existing resources, study the feasibility of employing an electronic ballot portal that allows service voters, overseas voters, voters with a disability, and any voter who is a member of a federally recognized Indian tribe and resides on an Indian reservation to return a voted ballot.	Kauffman
SB 6046 C 46 L 26 Effective 6/11/2026	**Civil air patrol** Creates a Civil Air Patrol Division (CAP) within the Washington Military Department to serve at the Governor's order. Allows the CAP to cooperate with state agencies, local governments, and tribes to provide training, communication, disaster relief, cyber security missions, or search and rescue. Specifies the Commanding Officer and participation in the CAP.	Wagoner