

January 19, 2024 Veteran Related Bill Tracking

Bill Number	Title	Sponsor	Status	Bill Summary	Hearing Dates
HB 1005	Military/employer tax incen.	(Abbarino)	H Rules C	HB: Extends the public utility tax (PUT) and business and occupation (B&O) tax credits for hiring veterans to July 1, 2034. • Increases the maximum PUT and B&O tax credit an employer may claim for hiring a qualified employee to \$3,000 per employee. • Increases the maximum total credit to \$5 million per year for each of the PUT and B&O tax credits. • Expands eligibility for the PUT and B&O tax credits by removing the unemployment requirement for veterans and including the spouse of a veteran or an active-duty military member as a qualified employee.	
HB 1862	Disabled veteran assist./tax	(Leavitt)	H Exec Action	HB: Provides a business and occupation tax exemption for amounts received from sales on a military reservation by a nonprofit that operates an adaptive recreational facility that serves disabled veterans and members of the armed forces. Provides a retail sales tax exemption for sales on a military reservation by a nonprofit that operates an adaptive recreational facility that serves disabled veterans and members of the armed forces.	Jan 18, 2024 Scheduled for executive hearing in the House Finance at 1:30 PM in anticipation of other legislative action.
HB 1869	National guard recruitment	(Leavitt)	H Approps	HB: Provides a referral bonus for a National Guard member whose successful recruitment results in an enlistment contract. Provides a reenlistment bonus to a National Guard member who extends his or her service for at least two years.	Jan 16, 2024 Scheduled for executive hearing in the House Innovation, Community & Economic Development, & Veterans at 10:30 AM
HB 1905	Equal pay/protected classes	(Mena)	H Labor & Workpl	HB: Amends the Equal Pay and Opportunities Act to prohibit an employer from discriminating in compensation and career advancement opportunities against similarly employed employees based on the employee's age, sex, marital status, sexual orientation, race, creed, color, national origin, citizenship or immigration status, honorably discharged veteran or military status, or the presence of any sensory, mental, or physical disability or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal by a person with a disability.	Jan 19, 2024 Scheduled for executive hearing in the House Labor & Workplace Standards at 10:30 AM in anticipation of other legislative action.
HB 1917	Physician assistant compact	(Leavitt)	H Rules R	HB: Adopting the physician assistant compact. Exempts certain information and data relating to physician assistant multistate licenses and applications from the Public Records Act.	

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HB 1925	Veterans service officers	(Shavers)	H Approps	HB: Requires the Washington Department of Veterans Affairs (WDVA) to provide information to recently discharged veterans about veterans benefits and services, and information about resources available to veterans in each county.Expands county eligibility for the WDVA's Veterans Service Officer Program, and prioritizes funding for those counties where the number of veterans receiving benefits is below the national average and for counties that do not have a veterans service officer.Requires the WDVA to provide reports every two years that include, by county, the number of resident veterans and the services available to veterans.	
HB 1939	Social work compact	(Orwall)	H Rules R	HB: Adopting the social work licensure compact.	
HB 1943	National guard ed. grants	(Leavitt)	H Approps	HB: Expands eligibility for the Washington National Guard Postsecondary Education Grant to the spouse or dependent of a Washington National Guard member.Extends eligibility for the Washington National Guard Postsecondary Education Grant from five years or 125 percent of the published length of the student's program to six years or 150 percent of the published length of the student's program.	Jan 22, 2024 Scheduled for public hearing in the House Appropriations at 4:00 PM in anticipation of other legislative action.
HB 2004	Military student early reg.	(McEntire)	H Rules R	HB: Requires institutions of higher education that provide early course registration to allow students who are eligible veterans, national guard members, active duty military members, and their spouses, domestic partners, and dependents early course registration.	
HB 2014	Definition of veteran	(Volz)	H Innov, Comm &	HB: Standardizes requirements relating to qualifying discharges for the purpose of establishing eligibility for various benefit programs for veterans.Provides a definition of "qualifying discharge."	Jan 19, 2024 Scheduled for executive hearing in the House Innovation, Community & Economic Development, & Veterans at 10:30 AM
HB 2101	Child care licensing fees	(Rule)	H Approps	HB: Prohibits the Department of Children, Youth, and Families from charging fees to obtain a child care license.	
HB 2111	Subsidized child care	(Nance)	H Rules R	HB: Reorganizes existing statutory language pertaining to the Working Connections Child Care (WCCC) program, and references WCCC eligibility requirements established in	

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				Department of Children, Youth, and Families rules. Removes dates indicating deadlines that are in the past and no longer applicable as well as other outdated references. Changes a reference from "immigration" status of an applicant or consumer's child to "citizenship" status.	
HB 2162	LTSS exemption/military	(Chambers)	H HC/Wellness	Establishes a voluntary exemption from the payment of premiums to the long-term services and supports trust program for employees who are active duty service members engaged in off-duty civilian employment.	
HB 2203	Incarcerated veterans pilot	(Ryu)	H Innov, Comm &	HB: Creates a pilot project to assist incarcerated veterans with reentry to civilian life. • Appoints a reentry navigator to assist incarcerated veterans with a reentry plan that will address housing, employment, education, and access to services. • Provides a housing and reentry subsidy to assist veterans during the first year of civilian life.	Jan 23, 2024 Scheduled for executive hearing in the House Innovation, Community & Economic Development, & Veterans at 10:30 AM in anticipation of other legislative action.
HB 2281	Psilocybin services	(Macri)	H HC/Wellness	Concerning psilocybin services.	
HB 2340	Military service/DOL fees	(Harris)	H Transportation	Reducing department of licensing fees for Washington residents who have served in the military.	
SB 5803	National guard recruitment	(Conway)	S Ways & Means	SB: Establishes the Washington National Guard member referral incentive program, which provides a referral bonus of no more than \$500 to Washington National Guard members who make a successful referral. • Creates the National Guard reenlistment bonus program, which provides a reenlistment bonus to eligible members who extend their term of service in the Washington National Guard.	
SB 5815	Physician assistant compact	(Muzzall)	S 2nd Reading	SB: Concerning the physician assistant compact.	
SB 5845	Military housing taxation	(Muzzall)	S Ways & Means	SB: Repeals the military housing property tax and leasehold excise tax exemptions beginning in calendar year 2025.	Jan 16, 2024 Scheduled for public hearing in the Senate Ways & Means at 4:00 PM
SB 5871	Definition of veteran	(Lovick)	S Ways & Means	SB: Expands veterans' eligibility for purposes of state benefits and services for veterans.	

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SB 5894	Equal pay/protected classes	(Nobles)	S Labor & Comm	SB: Extends the prohibitions on discrimination in wages and career advancement opportunities and the remedies to a person's membership in a protected class. • Provides that protected class means a person's age, sex, marital status, sexual orientation, race, creed, color, national origin, citizenship or immigration status, honorably discharged veteran or military status, or the presence of any sensory, mental, or physical disability or the use of a trained guide dog or service animal by a person with a disability.	Jan 15, 2024 Scheduled for public hearing in the Senate Labor & Commerce at 10:30 AM in anticipation of other legislative action.
SB 5941	Subsidized child care	(Wilson, C.)	S EL/K-12	SB: Reorganizes existing statutory language, aligns language, and removes deadlines that are in the past and language that no longer applies related to the Working Connections Child Care (WCCC) program. • References WCCC requirements established in rules adopted by the Department of Children, Youth, and Families. • Changes a reference from "immigration" status of a WCCC applicant or consumer's child to "citizenship" status.	Jan 18, 2024 Scheduled for public hearing in the Senate Early Learning & K-12 Education at 1:30 PM in anticipation of other legislative action.
SB 5977	Psilocybin services	(Salomon)	S Health & Long T	Concerning psilocybin services.	
SB 6000	Military service credit	(Hunt)	S Ways & Means	SB: Expands no-cost interruptive military service credit eligibility in the state's pension systems to members who were awarded a service medal.	Jan 15, 2024 Scheduled for public hearing in the Senate Ways & Means at 4:00 PM
SB 6033	Ceremonial open carry	(Braun)	S Law & Justice	Concerning ceremonial open carry on the Washington state capitol campus.	
SB 6169	Law enf. & military/firearms	(Wilson, L.)	S Law & Justice	Increasing the potential pool of law enforcement hires by allowing active and retired law enforcement and military personnel to import certain firearms for personal use.	
SB 6225	Wind energy siting/military	(Boehnke)	S Environment , E	Concerning siting wind energy facilities to avoid interference with military installations.	
SB 6238	Property tax/veteran widows	(Dozier)	S Ways & Means	Updating thresholds for the property tax exemption for widows and widowers of honorably discharged veterans.	Jan 25, 2024 Scheduled for public hearing in the Senate Ways & Means at 4:00 PM
SB 6280	Veteran parking	Braun		Providing for veteran parking privileges.	