

Veteran / Military Bill Tracking as of January 17, 2025

Bill Number	Title	Sponsor	Status	Bill Summary	Hearing Dates
HB 1016	Veterans/employer incentives	(Abbarno)	H Finance	Providing employer tax incentives for the support of veterans and military families.	
HB 1021	Military families/education	(Shavers)	H Education	Promoting educational stability for children of military families.	
HB 1022	Homes for heroes program	(Connors)	H Exec Action	Creates a down payment and closing cost assistance program for people who work in targeted professions and meet certain income requirements.	Jan 14, 2025 Scheduled for public hearing Jan 16, 2025 Scheduled for executive hearing
HB 1023	Cosmetology compact	(Ryu)	H Postsec Ed & W	Enacts the cosmetology licensure compact.	Jan 15, 2025 Scheduled for public hearing Jan 21, 2025 Scheduled for executive hearing at 1:30 PM
HB 1050	Naval Academy license plates	(Shavers)	H Transportation		
HB 1073	National guard retention	(Leavitt)	H Tech, Econ Dev	Creates a Washington National Guard retention program. Directs the Adjutant General to study retention needs, determine eligibility criteria, and determine the amount and schedule of retention bonuses. Requires the Military Department to report on retention needs and recommendations every three years.	Jan 15, 2025 Scheduled for public hearing Jan 21, 2025 Scheduled for executive hearing at 10:30 AM
HB 1102	Veteran support and services	(Shavers)	H Tech, Econ Dev	Requires the Washington Department of Veterans Affairs (WDVA) to provide information	Jan 15, 2025 Scheduled for public hearing

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				to recently discharged veterans about veterans benefits, services, and available resources. Expands county eligibility for the WDVA's Veterans Service Officer Program (Program) to counties where the percentage of veterans receiving benefits is below the national average. Prioritizes counties with the lowest percentage of veterans receiving benefits for the Program. Requires the WDVA to provide reports every two years including county-specific information about the number of resident veterans and services available.	Jan 21, 2025 Scheduled for executive hearing in the House Technology, Economic Development, & Veterans at 10:30 AM
HB 1106	Disabled veterans/prop. tax	(Barnard)	H Finance	Recognizing the tremendous sacrifices made by our military veterans by phasing down the disability rating requirements to ensure more disabled veterans are eligible for property tax relief.	
HB 1114	Respiratory care compact	(Leavitt)	H Postsec Ed & W	Enacts the Respiratory Care Interstate Compact.	Jan 15, 2025 Scheduled for public hearing Jan 21, 2025 Scheduled for executive hearing at 1:30 PM
HB 1161	Veteran employability	(Ryu)	H Postsec Ed & W	Creates the Veteran Employability Training and Career Advancement for Reentry Program to assist justice-involved veterans with civilian life.	Jan 14, 2025 Scheduled for public hearing Jan 21, 2025 Scheduled for executive hearing at 1:30 PM

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HB 1165	Property tax exemptions	(Shavers)	H Finance	Expanding access to property tax exemptions by increasing each median income category by 5% beginning in 2027.	
HB 1179	Property tax value freeze	(Volz)	H Finance	Proving a property tax valuation freeze for seniors and disabled veterans.	
HB 1245	Business development	(Couture)	H Tech, Econ Dev	Establishes the office of entrepreneurship and allows cooperation with the Department of Veterans Affairs and others to improve access for statistically underrepresented demographic segments and geographic areas of the state (including VOBs) and others to state contracts.	Jan 22, 2025 Scheduled for public hearing in the House Technology, Economic Development, & Veterans at 8:00 AM in anticipation of other legislative action.
HB 1335	Military spouse employment	(Richard s)	H Labor & Workpl	Amends existing law regarding discrimination to include military spouses.	
HB 1366	Military surplus vehicles	(Orcutt)	H Transport ation	Allowing vehicles that have been an active part of military operations to operate on the public highways to be involved in parades, veterans' events, car club activities, community events, exhibitions, and other limited circumstances.	
HB 1371	Veteran parking privileges	(Orcutt)	H Transport ation	Providing eligibility to 70% or greater disabled veterans to disabled parking privileges.	
SB 5017	Uniformed & overseas voting	(Nobles)	S State Gov/Trib	By request of Secretary of State: Adopting national standards for uniformed and overseas civilian voting,	Jan 14, 2025 Scheduled for public hearing

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				including confirming amendments to existing statute.	Jan 17, 2025 Scheduled for executive at 10:30 AM
SB 5200	Veteran medical foster homes	(Wagone r)	S Health & Long-	Providing exemptions to allow for Veterans Medical Foster Homes as authorized by the Federal VA.	
SB 5201	Psychedelic substances	(Salomo n)	S Health & Long-		
SB 5338	Veterans affairs adv. comm.	(Nobles)	S State Gov/Trib	<p>Allows one appointment to the Veterans Affairs Advisory Committee (VAAC) to a Veteran who is a member of a Native American Tribe recognized in WA State and one appointment to a National Guard Representative who can be either a current National Guard Member or a Veteran of the NG</p> <p>Retains the requirement for a VAAC Liaison to be appointed to represent individual State Veterans Homes and removes language referring to appointing a Resident of the Soldiers Home and Veterans Home. Codifies the two Homes positions as At Large positions.</p>	