# Washington State House of Representatives

BILL ANALYSIS

Office of Program Research

## State Government & Tribal Affairs Committee

### **HB** 1127

**Brief Description:** Extending military leaves for public employees.

**Sponsors:** Representatives Morrell, Campbell, Green, VanDeWege, Sells, Takko, McDonald, Blake, Moeller, Kenney, Appleton, Flannigan, Hunt, Conway, Lantz, Kagi, Linville, Chase, Wallace, Ormsby, Haigh, Simpson, Hurst, P. Sullivan, Kelley, Rolfes, McCune, Haler and Santos.

#### **Brief Summary of Bill**

• Extends military leave of absence from 15 to 30 days each year.

**Hearing Date:** 1/23/07

**Staff:** Alison Hellberg (786-7152).

#### **Background:**

Any officer or employee of the state or local government, who is a member of the Washington national guard, army, navy, air force, coast guard, or marine corps reserves of the United States or of any organized reserve or armed forces of the United States, is entitled to 15 days of military leave of absence from employment each year.

The leave is granted so the person may report for active duty or active training duty and is in addition to vacation or sick leave. Taking leave will not result in any loss of efficiency rating, privileges, or pay. The employee receives his or her normal pay during this leave.

#### **Summary of Bill:**

Military leave of absence is extended from 15 to 30 days each year.

**Appropriation:** None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

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**Effective Date:** The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.