Washington State House of Representatives Office of Program Research

BILL ANALYSIS

State Government & Tribal Affairs Committee

HB 2755

Brief Description: Adjusting veterans' scoring criteria.

Sponsors: Representatives Kelley, Rodne, Hunt, Green, Wallace, Seaquist, Goodman,

VanDeWege, Lantz, McCune, Hurst, Conway, Morrell and Haigh.

Brief Summary of Bill

• Allows preferential scoring criteria for state employees called to active military service.

Hearing Date: 1/25/08

Staff: Colleen Kerr (786-7168).

Background:

State law provides that honorably discharged veterans receive preference in public employment. Some public employment positions require applicants to take a competitive examination. In those cases, preference is given to veterans by adding a certain percentage to the passing mark, grade, or rating of an examination. Among other scoring criteria for veterans, a 5 percent preference is given for the first promotional examination to veterans who are called to active military service for one or more years from employment with the state.

Summary of Bill:

The requirement that veterans must have been called from state employment to active duty service for one or more years is removed so that any veteran called to active duty military service from state employment may receive preferential scoring criteria.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

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

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