
**State Government & Tribal
Affairs Committee**

HB 2806

Brief Description: Giving hiring preferences to children of deceased veterans and children of veterans with disabilities.

Sponsors: Representatives Schual-Berke, Barlow, Cody, Ormsby, Hunt, Fromhold, Haigh, Moeller, Lantz, Upthegrove, Hurst and Morrell.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Extends employment preference to children of veterans who were killed in service and to children of veterans who have a service connected permanent and total disability.

Hearing Date: 1/25/08

Staff: Marsha Reilly (786-7135).

Background:

State law provides that honorably discharged veterans of any war of the United States, or of any military campaign for which a campaign ribbon was awarded, shall be preferred for appointment and employment. In addition, widows and widowers of eligible veterans and spouses of eligible veterans that have a service connected permanent and total disability shall also be preferred for appointment and employment.

The law is silent on how the preference is given. Another statute (RCW 41.04.010) gives a scoring preference on competitive examinations to eligible veterans.

The Department of Personnel, by rule, allows that if no examination is administered prior to certification, the employer must refer eligible veterans, the surviving spouses of eligible veterans, or the spouses of honorably discharged veterans who have a service connected permanent and total disability.

Summary of Bill:

This analysis was prepared by non-partisan legislative staff for the use of legislative members in their deliberations. This analysis is not a part of the legislation nor does it constitute a statement of legislative intent.

Preference for appointment and employment is expanded to include the children of eligible veterans.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Requested on January 23, 2008.

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