

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## SHB 1376

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As Reported By Senate Committee On:  
State & Local Government, March 21, 2001

**Title:** An act relating to certain personnel in the department of veterans affairs.

**Brief Description:** Exempting certain veterans affairs personnel from the state civil service law.

**Sponsors:** By House Committee on State Government (originally sponsored by Representatives Armstrong (co-prime sponsor), McDermott (co-prime sponsor), McMorris, D. Schmidt, Haigh and Woods; by request of Department of Veterans Affairs).

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:** State & Local Government: 3/21/01 [DP].

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT

**Majority Report:** Do pass.

Signed by Senators Patterson, Chair; Fairley, Vice Chair; Hale, Haugen, Horn, Kline, McCaslin, Roach, T. Sheldon and Swecker.

**Staff:** Eugene Green (786-7405)

**Background:** The Department of Veterans' Affairs is allowed the following specific exemptions from state civil service law: the director, deputy director, and no more than two assistants.

**Summary of Bill:** The positions in the Department of Veterans' Affairs that are designated as exempt or unclassified positions are clarified and expanded. It is clarified that the two assistants who are unclassified positions are two assistant directors. Additional unclassified positions are added as a confidential secretary for deputy secretary and a confidential secretary for each assistant director.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Available.

**Effective Date:** Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

**Testimony For:** This will be of help to us.

**Testimony Against:** None.

**Testified:** John Lee, Deputy Director, WDVA (pro).