

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1537**

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PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT--VETERANS--PREFERENCE

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Passed by the House March 13, 2013  
Yeas 97 Nays 0

FRANK CHOPP

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**Speaker of the House of Representatives**

Passed by the Senate April 12, 2013  
Yeas 48 Nays 0

BRAD OWEN

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**President of the Senate**

Approved April 25, 2013, 2:14 p.m.

JAY INSLEE

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**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Barbara Baker, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1537** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

BARBARA BAKER

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**Chief Clerk**

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April 25, 2013

**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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**By** House Government Operations & Elections (originally sponsored by Representatives O'Ban, Angel, Hayes, Green, Zeiger, Bergquist, Johnson, Ryu, Morrell, and Shea)

READ FIRST TIME 02/22/13.

1            AN ACT Relating to a veteran's preference for the purpose of public  
2 employment; and amending RCW 41.04.010.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4            **Sec. 1.** RCW 41.04.010 and 2009 c 248 s 1 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6            In all competitive examinations, unless otherwise provided in this  
7 section, to determine the qualifications of applicants for public  
8 offices, positions, or employment, either the state, and all of its  
9 political subdivisions and all municipal corporations, or private  
10 companies or agencies contracted with by the state to give the  
11 competitive examinations shall give a scoring criteria status to all  
12 veterans as defined in RCW 41.04.007, by adding to the passing mark,  
13 grade or rating only, based upon a possible rating of one hundred  
14 points as perfect a percentage in accordance with the following:

15            (1) Ten percent to a veteran who served during a period of war or  
16 in an armed conflict as defined in RCW 41.04.005 and does not receive  
17 military retirement. The percentage shall be added to the passing  
18 mark, grade, or rating of competitive examinations until the veteran's

1 first appointment. The percentage shall not be utilized in promotional  
2 examinations;

3 (2) Five percent to a veteran who did not serve during a period of  
4 war or in an armed conflict as defined in RCW 41.04.005 or is receiving  
5 military retirement. The percentage shall be added to the passing  
6 mark, grade, or rating of competitive examinations until the veteran's  
7 first appointment. The percentage shall not be utilized in promotional  
8 examinations;

9 (3) Five percent to a veteran who was called to active military  
10 service from employment with the state or any of its political  
11 subdivisions or municipal corporations. The percentage shall be added  
12 to promotional examinations until the first promotion only;

13 (4) All veterans' scoring criteria may be claimed upon release from  
14 active military service or upon receipt of separation orders indicating  
15 an honorable discharge, issued by the respective military department.

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