

SENATE BILL REPORT

SHB 1537

As of March 20, 2013

Title: An act relating to a veteran's preference for the purpose of public employment.

Brief Description: Addressing a veteran's preference for the purpose of public employment.

Sponsors: House Committee on Government Operations & Elections (originally sponsored by Representatives O'Ban, Angel, Hayes, Green, Zeiger, Bergquist, Johnson, Ryu, Morrell and Shea).

Brief History: Passed House: 3/13/13, 97-0.

Committee Activity: Governmental Operations: 3/25/13.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS

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Background: State law provides that honorably discharged veterans receive preference in public employment that may be claimed upon separation from the military. The added percentage varies based on the veteran's status. A veteran who served during a period of war or armed conflict and does not receive military retirement is eligible for a 10 percent preference. A veteran who did not serve during a period of war or armed conflict or who served during a period of war or armed conflict, but is receiving military retirement, is eligible for a 5 percent preference. A veteran who is called to active military service from employment with the state is eligible for a 5 percent preference until the first promotion.

Summary of Bill: Veteran scoring criteria status can be claimed upon receipt of separation orders indicating an honorable discharge and becomes permanent upon actual separation from the military.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Committee/Commission/Task Force Created: No.

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

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