

# FINAL BILL REPORT

## SJM 8008

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As Passed Legislature

**Brief Description:** Requesting that veterans receive concurrent retirement and disability payments.

**Sponsors:** Senators Rasmussen, Swecker, Roach, Shin, Kastama, Franklin, Winsley, Schmidt, Oke, Eide and Kohl-Welles; by request of Joint Select Committee on Veterans' and Military Affairs.

**Senate Committee on Government Operations & Elections**  
**House Committee on State Government**

**Background:** Retired veterans who are also disabled are not allowed to receive both the full amount of their retirement benefits and also the full amount of their disability benefits. The federal government reduces dollar for dollar the amount of retirement benefits received by the amount of disability benefits received.

In Washington, retired veterans account for 10 percent of the population. Of this, 37 percent are disabled.

**Summary:** The federal government is asked to allow retired veterans who are also disabled to receive the full amounts of their retirement and disability entitlements.

**Votes on Final Passage:**

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| Senate | 49 0 |
| House  | 96 0 |