HOUSE BILL 2251

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- AN ACT Relating to compensation and benefits for state employees on active military duty; and amending RCW 38.40.060.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

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- 4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 38.40.060 and 2001 c 71 s 1 are each amended to read 5 as follows:
 - (1) Every officer and employee of the state or of any county, city, or other political subdivision thereof who is a member of the Washington national guard or of the army, navy, air force, coast guard, or marine corps reserve of the United States, or of any organized reserve or armed forces of the United States ((shall be)) is entitled to and shall be granted military leave of absence from such employment for a period not exceeding fifteen days during each year beginning October 1st and ending the following September 30th. Such leave shall be granted ((in order)) so that the person may report for active duty, when called, or take part in active training duty in such manner and at such time as he or she may be ordered to active duty or active training duty. Such military leave of absence ((shall be)) is in addition to any vacation or sick leave to which the officer or employee might otherwise be entitled, and shall not involve any loss of efficiency

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rating, privileges, or pay. During the period of military leave, the officer or employee shall receive from the state, or the county, city, or other political subdivision, his or her normal pay.

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(2) If, on or after November 1, 2004, an officer or employee of the 4 state is called into the federal service of the United States for a 5 period exceeding thirty days, the officer or employee shall receive 7 from the state the difference between his or her normal pay while employed by the state and his or her pay and allowances while in the 8 service of the United States if the pay and allowances while in the 9 service of the United States is less than his or her pay while employed 10 by the state. The officer or employee shall also continue to receive 11 12 from the state any pension and retirement benefits he or she was 13 receiving prior to being called to federal service as long as he or she 14 continues to make any necessary employee contributions to those benefits that he or she would be making if still regularly employed by 15 the state. Payment and benefits provided for a mobilization under this 16 17 subsection shall not exceed four years.

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