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**State Government, Elections &  
Information Technology Committee**

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**HB 2137**

**Brief Description:** Modifying the veterans' scoring criteria in competitive examinations.

**Sponsors:** Representatives Kraft, Griffey, Klippert, Smith, Rodne and Haler.

**Brief Summary of Bill**

- Modifies the calculation of the veterans' scoring preference in competitive examinations from a percentage to a points scale.

**Hearing Date:** 1/30/18

**Staff:** Desiree Omli (786-7105).

**Background:**

Some classified service positions require a competitive examination as a condition to appointment. An honorably discharged veteran may claim a scoring preference in competitive examinations used to determine qualifications for state and local public employment. The preference is a certain percentage added to the passing score on an exam that varies based on the veteran's status. A veteran who served during a period of war or in an armed conflict and does not receive military retirement is eligible for a 10 percent preference until their first appointment. A veteran who did not serve during a period of war or in an armed conflict or is receiving military retirement is eligible for a 5 percent preference until their first appointment. A veteran who was called to active military service from employment with the state or local government is eligible for a 5 percent preference until the first promotion.

**Summary of Bill:**

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The veterans' scoring preference is calculated by adding a certain number of points to a passing score on a competitive exam. Veterans within each respective preference category may claim five or 10 points to their passing score.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

**Effective Date:** The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.