

Multiple Agency Fiscal Note Summary

Bill Number: 2014 HB	Title: Definition of veteran
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Estimated Cash Receipts

Agency Name	2023-25			2025-27			2027-29		
	GF-State	NGF-Outlook	Total	GF-State	NGF-Outlook	Total	GF-State	NGF-Outlook	Total
Department of Licensing	0	0	30,000	0	0	43,000	0	0	29,000
University of Washington	Non-zero but indeterminate cost and/or savings. Please see discussion.								
Department of Fish and Wildlife	0	0	(15,000)	0	0	(30,000)	0	0	(30,000)
Total \$	0	0	15,000	0	0	13,000	0	0	(1,000)

Agency Name	2023-25		2025-27		2027-29	
	GF- State	Total	GF- State	Total	GF- State	Total
Local Gov. Courts						
Loc School dist-SPI	No fiscal impact					
Local Gov. Other						
Local Gov. Total						

Estimated Operating Expenditures

Agency Name	2023-25				2025-27				2027-29			
	FTEs	GF-State	NGF-Outlook	Total	FTEs	GF-State	NGF-Outlook	Total	FTEs	GF-State	NGF-Outlook	Total
Office of Financial Management	.0	0	0	0	.0	0	0	0	.0	0	0	0
Washington State Gambling Commission	.0	0	0	0	.0	0	0	0	.0	0	0	0
Department of Retirement Systems	.2	0	0	36,000	.0	0	0	0	.0	0	0	0
Department of Revenue	.0	0	0	0	.0	0	0	0	.0	0	0	0
Department of Licensing	.1	0	0	34,000	.1	0	0	32,000	.1	0	0	32,000
Department of Veterans Affairs	1.5	740,000	740,000	740,000	3.0	1,440,000	1,440,000	1,440,000	3.0	1,440,000	1,440,000	1,440,000
Student Achievement Council	.0	0	0	0	.0	0	0	0	.0	0	0	0
University of Washington	.0	0	0	0	.0	0	0	0	.0	0	0	0
Washington State University	.0	0	0	0	.0	0	0	0	.0	0	0	0
Eastern Washington University	.0	0	0	0	.0	0	0	0	.0	0	0	0
Central Washington University	.0	0	0	0	.0	0	0	0	.0	0	0	0
The Evergreen State College	.0	0	0	21,797	.0	0	0	112,508	.0	0	0	210,620
Western Washington University	.0	0	0	0	.0	0	0	0	.0	0	0	0
Department of Fish and Wildlife	.0	0	0	0	.0	0	0	0	.0	0	0	0
Community and Technical College System	.0	0	0	0	.0	0	0	0	.0	0	0	0
Actuarial Fiscal Note - State Actuary	Fiscal note not available											
Total \$	1.8	740,000	740,000	831,797	3.1	1,440,000	1,440,000	1,584,508	3.1	1,440,000	1,440,000	1,682,620

Agency Name	2023-25			2025-27			2027-29		
	FTEs	GF-State	Total	FTEs	GF-State	Total	FTEs	GF-State	Total
Local Gov. Courts									
Loc School dist-SPI	No fiscal impact								
Local Gov. Other	Non-zero but indeterminate cost and/or savings. Please see discussion.								
Local Gov. Total									

Estimated Capital Budget Expenditures

Agency Name	2023-25			2025-27			2027-29		
	FTEs	Bonds	Total	FTEs	Bonds	Total	FTEs	Bonds	Total
Office of Financial Management	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0
Washington State Gambling Commission	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0
Department of Retirement Systems	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0
Department of Revenue	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0
Department of Licensing	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0
Department of Veterans Affairs	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0
Student Achievement Council	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0
University of Washington	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0
Washington State University	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0
Eastern Washington University	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0
Central Washington University	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0
The Evergreen State College	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0
Western Washington University	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0
Department of Fish and Wildlife	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0
Community and Technical College System	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0
Actuarial Fiscal Note - State Actuary	Fiscal note not available								
Total \$	0.0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	0	0

Agency Name	2023-25			2025-27			2027-29		
	FTEs	GF-State	Total	FTEs	GF-State	Total	FTEs	GF-State	Total
Local Gov. Courts									
Loc School dist-SPI	No fiscal impact								
Local Gov. Other	Non-zero but indeterminate cost and/or savings. Please see discussion.								
Local Gov. Total									

Estimated Capital Budget Breakout

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Individual State Agency Fiscal Note

Bill Number: 2014 HB	Title: Definition of veteran	Agency: 105-Office of Financial Management
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Part I: Estimates

No Fiscal Impact

Estimated Cash Receipts to:

NONE

Estimated Operating Expenditures from:

NONE

Estimated Capital Budget Impact:

NONE

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- Capital budget impact, complete Part IV.
- Requires new rule making, complete Part V.

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Part II: Narrative Explanation

II. A - Brief Description Of What The Measure Does That Has Fiscal Impact

Significant provisions of the bill and any related workload or policy assumptions that have revenue or expenditure impact on the responding agency by section number.

The bill would expand the definition of qualifying discharge for veterans' employment incentives (veterans' preference in layoff and exams).

- Section 14 expands the definition of qualifying discharge for veterans' receiving hiring preference where an employer is administering an examination prior to certification, as reflected in WAC 357-16-110. The required rule change can be completed with existing resources, and therefore there is no fiscal impact to OFM.

- Section 15 expands the definition of qualifying discharge for veterans' receiving preference in layoff by having their seniority increased for total active military service, as reflected in WAC 357-46-060. The required rule change can be completed with existing resources, and therefore there is no fiscal impact to OFM.

The bill also expands the definition of veterans that may impact OFM's tracking of veterans in education statistics and population estimates. Any impact can be completed within existing resources, and therefore have no fiscal impact to OFM.

II. B - Cash receipts Impact

Cash receipts impact of the legislation on the responding agency with the cash receipts provisions identified by section number and when appropriate, the detail of the revenue sources. Description of the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the cash receipts impact is derived. Explanation of how workload assumptions translate into estimates. Distinguished between one time and ongoing functions.

II. C - Expenditures

Agency expenditures necessary to implement this legislation (or savings resulting from this legislation), with the provisions of the legislation that result in the expenditures (or savings) identified by section number. Description of the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the expenditure impact is derived. Explanation of how workload assumptions translate into cost estimates. Distinguished between one time and ongoing functions.

Part III: Expenditure Detail

III. A - Operating Budget Expenditures

NONE

III. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

NONE

III. C - Operating FTE Detail: *FTEs listed by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals agree with total FTEs in Part I and Part IIIA.*

NONE

III. D - Expenditures By Program (optional)

NONE

Part IV: Capital Budget Impact

IV. A - Capital Budget Expenditures

NONE

IV. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

NONE

IV. C - Capital Budget Breakout

Acquisition and construction costs not reflected elsewhere on the fiscal note and description of potential financing methods.

NONE

IV. D - Capital FTE Detail: *FTEs listed by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals agree with total FTEs in Part IVB.*

NONE

Part V: New Rule Making Required

Provisions of the bill that require the agency to adopt new administrative rules or repeal/revise existing rules.

Section 14 expands the definition of qualifying discharge for veterans' receiving hiring preference where an employer is administering an examination prior to certification, as reflected in WAC 357-16-110. The required rule change can be completed withing existing resources, and therefore there is no fiscal impact to OFM.

Section 15 expands the definition of qualifying discharge for veterans' receiving preference in layoff by having their seniority increased for total active military service, as reflected in WAC 357-46-060. The required rule change can be completed withing existing resources, and therefore there is no fiscal impact to OFM.

Individual State Agency Fiscal Note

Bill Number: 2014 HB	Title: Definition of veteran	Agency: 117-Washington State Gambling Commission
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Part I: Estimates

No Fiscal Impact

Estimated Cash Receipts to:

NONE

Estimated Operating Expenditures from:

NONE

Estimated Capital Budget Impact:

NONE

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- Requires new rule making, complete Part V.

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Part II: Narrative Explanation

II. A - Brief Description Of What The Measure Does That Has Fiscal Impact

Significant provisions of the bill and any related workload or policy assumptions that have revenue or expenditure impact on the responding agency by section number.

This bill has no fiscal impact to the Gambling Commission.

II. B - Cash receipts Impact

Cash receipts impact of the legislation on the responding agency with the cash receipts provisions identified by section number and when appropriate, the detail of the revenue sources. Description of the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the cash receipts impact is derived. Explanation of how workload assumptions translate into estimates. Distinguished between one time and ongoing functions.

II. C - Expenditures

Agency expenditures necessary to implement this legislation (or savings resulting from this legislation), with the provisions of the legislation that result in the expenditures (or savings) identified by section number. Description of the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the expenditure impact is derived. Explanation of how workload assumptions translate into cost estimates. Distinguished between one time and ongoing functions.

Part III: Expenditure Detail

III. A - Operating Budget Expenditures

NONE

III. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

NONE

III. C - Operating FTE Detail: *FTEs listed by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals agree with total FTEs in Part I and Part IIIA.*

NONE

III. D - Expenditures By Program (optional)

NONE

Part IV: Capital Budget Impact

IV. A - Capital Budget Expenditures

NONE

IV. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

NONE

IV. C - Capital Budget Breakout

Acquisition and construction costs not reflected elsewhere on the fiscal note and description of potential financing methods.

NONE

IV. D - Capital FTE Detail: *FTEs listed by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals agree with total FTEs in Part IVB.*

NONE

Part V: New Rule Making Required

Provisions of the bill that require the agency to adopt new administrative rules or repeal/revise existing rules.

Individual State Agency Fiscal Note

Bill Number: 2014 HB	Title: Definition of veteran	Agency: 124-Department of Retirement Systems
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Part I: Estimates

No Fiscal Impact

Estimated Cash Receipts to:

NONE

Estimated Operating Expenditures from:

	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
FTE Staff Years	0.0	0.4	0.2	0.0	0.0
Account					
Department of Retirement Systems	0	36,000	36,000	0	0
Expense Account-State 600-1					
Total \$	0	36,000	36,000	0	0

Estimated Capital Budget Impact:

NONE

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Part II: Narrative Explanation

II. A - Brief Description Of What The Measure Does That Has Fiscal Impact

Significant provisions of the bill and any related workload or policy assumptions that have revenue or expenditure impact on the responding agency by section number.

This bill amends the definition of veteran in RCW 41.04.007 and intends to expand state veteran's benefits by aligning the state definition of veteran with the federal definition.

Sec. 2 amends the definition of veteran in RCW 41.04.005 to remove the requirement that the veteran has received "an honorable discharge, is actively serving honorably, or received a discharge for physical reasons with an honorable record" and replacing it with the requirement that a veteran must have received "a qualifying discharge as defined in section 4 of this act".

Sec. 4 is a new section that defines "qualifying discharge" as a discharge with an honorable characterization of service; a discharge with a general under honorable conditions characterization of service; a discharge with an other than honorable characterization of service if the applicant provides a letter, administrative decision, or other documentation from the United States department of veterans affairs showing eligibility for or receipt of monetary benefits, such as disability compensation or nonservice-connected pension; or any characterization of service if the reason for discharge was listed as due to: a person's sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression; statements, consensual sexual conduct, or consensual acts relating to sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression; or the disclosure of statements, conduct, or acts relating to sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression to military officials.

II. B - Cash receipts Impact

Cash receipts impact of the legislation on the responding agency with the cash receipts provisions identified by section number and when appropriate, the detail of the revenue sources. Description of the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the cash receipts impact is derived. Explanation of how workload assumptions translate into estimates. Distinguished between one time and ongoing functions.

No impact.

II. C - Expenditures

Agency expenditures necessary to implement this legislation (or savings resulting from this legislation), with the provisions of the legislation that result in the expenditures (or savings) identified by section number. Description of the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the expenditure impact is derived. Explanation of how workload assumptions translate into cost estimates. Distinguished between one time and ongoing functions.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSUMPTIONS:

- DRS is unable to identify eligible members based on the existing documentation in their files. Those eligible for service credit adjustments must contact DRS with a request and supporting documentation per the bill.
- Notification of the changes in this bill will be communicated on the DRS website, and by the outreach program that will be created by the Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) in response to this bill.
- Based on information from DVA, we have estimated that there may be about 300 eligible accounts. The costs identified in this fiscal note reflect the estimated effort to process that number of accounts.
- If military service credit is granted due to the changes in this bill, the pension benefit would be adjusted prospectively from the effective date of the bill.

Part III: Expenditure Detail

III. A - Operating Budget Expenditures

Account	Account Title	Type	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
600-1	Department of Retirement Systems Expense Account	State	0	36,000	36,000	0	0
Total \$			0	36,000	36,000	0	0

III. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
FTE Staff Years		0.4	0.2		
A-Salaries and Wages		26,000	26,000		
B-Employee Benefits		10,000	10,000		
C-Professional Service Contracts					
E-Goods and Other Services					
G-Travel					
J-Capital Outlays					
M-Inter Agency/Fund Transfers					
N-Grants, Benefits & Client Services					
P-Debt Service					
S-Interagency Reimbursements					
T-Intra-Agency Reimbursements					
9-					
Total \$	0	36,000	36,000	0	0

III. C - Operating FTE Detail: *List FTEs by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals need to agree with total FTEs in Part I and Part IIIA*

Job Classification	Salary	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
Communications Consultant 4	72,756		0.0	0.0		
Fiscal Analyst 2	54,108		0.0	0.0		
Retirement Specialist 3	61,224		0.3	0.2		
Total FTEs			0.4	0.2		0.0

III. D - Expenditures By Program (optional)

NONE

Part IV: Capital Budget Impact

IV. A - Capital Budget Expenditures

NONE

IV. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

NONE

IV. C - Capital Budget Breakout

Acquisition and construction costs not reflected elsewhere on the fiscal note and description of potential financing methods.

NONE

IV. D - Capital FTE Detail: *FTEs listed by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals agree with total FTEs in Part IVB.*

NONE

Part V: New Rule Making Required

Provisions of the bill that require the agency to adopt new administrative rules or repeal/revise existing rules.

Department of Revenue Fiscal Note

Bill Number: 2014 HB	Title: Definition of veteran	Agency: 140-Department of Revenue
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Part I: Estimates

No Fiscal Impact

Estimated Cash Receipts to:

NONE

Estimated Expenditures from:

NONE

Estimated Capital Budget Impact:

NONE

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Part II: Narrative Explanation

II. A - Brief Description Of What The Measure Does That Has Fiscal Impact

Significant provisions of the bill and any related workload or policy assumptions that have revenue or expenditure impact on the responding agency by section number.

This fiscal note only addresses sections 2, 3,4, and 31 of the bill, which impact the Department of Revenue (department).

CURRENT LAW:

To qualify for the widow or widower of veteran's property tax grant (exemption) program the claimant must provide, among other documentation, the deceased veteran's DD 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty) or its equivalent, that shows separation from the military was under honorable conditions.

For purposes of the widow/widower property tax grant program, the definition of a "veteran" means every person, who at the time he or she sought benefits, is the recipient of an honorable discharge, is actively serving honorably, or who received a discharge for physical reasons with an honorable record, among other criteria outlined in the statute.

PROPOSAL:

This bill:

- Aligns federal and state definitions of "veteran."
- Expands state benefits to any veteran already eligible for federal Department of Veterans Affairs monetary benefits.
- Creates eligibility for state benefits for veterans who separated with less than an honorable characterization of service due solely to sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression or actions or statements related to sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression, regardless of characterization of service.

A "qualifying discharge" means:

- A discharge with an honorable characterization of service.
- A discharge with a general under honorable conditions characterization of service.
- A discharge with an other than honorable characterization of service if the applicant provides a letter, administrative decision, or other documentation from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs showing eligibility for or receipt of monetary benefits, such as disability compensation or nonservice-connected pension.
- Any characterization of service if the reason for discharge listed includes:
 - A person's sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression.
 - Statements, consensual sexual conduct, or consensual acts relating to sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression.
 - The disclosure of statements, conduct, or acts relating to sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression to military officials.

The proposal changes the documentation required for claimants of the widow or widowers of veteran's property tax grant program (exemption).

The bill also requires the Washington state Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) to develop and implement an outreach program to ensure veterans under the new definitions are aware of state veteran's benefits and programs.

EFFECTIVE DATE:

The bill takes effect 90 days after final adjournment of the session.

II. B - Cash receipts Impact

Cash receipts impact of the legislation on the responding agency with the cash receipts provisions identified by section number and when appropriate, the detail of the revenue sources. Description of the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the cash receipts impact is derived. Explanation of how workload assumptions translate into estimates. Distinguished between one time and ongoing functions.

ASSUMPTIONS

- The DVA estimates a 2-6% increase in the number of veterans receiving benefits, leading to a 2-6% increase in the number of veteran widows or widowers receiving benefits.
- For a widow or widower to qualify for grant assistance, the qualified veteran must be deceased and meet the expanded definition of a veteran.
- As of 2022, 11 participants qualified for the widow or widowers grant program and a 2-6% increase among the current participants would be small.

DATA SOURCES

- Department of Veteran's Affairs, 2020 Veteran Population Projection
- Department of Revenue, Impact of Senior Property Tax Relief 2023

REVENUE ESTIMATES

This legislation results in no revenue impact to taxes administered by the department.

II. C - Expenditures

Agency expenditures necessary to implement this legislation (or savings resulting from this legislation), with the provisions of the legislation that result in the expenditures (or savings) identified by section number. Description of the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the expenditure impact is derived. Explanation of how workload assumptions translate into cost estimates. Distinguished between one time and ongoing functions.

The department will have minimal costs of approximately \$2,400 for 40 hours of work by a property acquisition specialist.

A 2-6% increase in veteran's widow or widower receiving a grant would include one additional participant. This would cost \$140 for the grant program to implement this legislation.

The department will absorb these costs within current funding.

Part III: Expenditure Detail

III. A - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

NONE

III. B - Detail: *FTEs listed by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals agree with total FTEs in Part I and Part IIIA.*

NONE

III. C - Expenditures By Program (optional)

NONE

Part IV: Capital Budget Impact

IV. A - Capital Budget Expenditures

NONE

IV. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

NONE

IV. C - Capital Budget Breakout

Acquisition and construction costs not reflected elsewhere on the fiscal note and description of potential financing methods.

NONE

Part V: New Rule Making Required

Individual State Agency Fiscal Note

Bill Number: 2014 HB	Title: Definition of veteran	Agency: 240-Department of Licensing
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Part I: Estimates

No Fiscal Impact

Estimated Cash Receipts to:

ACCOUNT	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
Veterans Stewardship Account-State 08V-1		8,000	8,000	25,000	23,000
Motor Vehicle Account-State 108-1		10,000	10,000	9,000	4,000
Move Ahead WA Account-State 26P-1		12,000	12,000	9,000	2,000
Total \$		30,000	30,000	43,000	29,000

Estimated Operating Expenditures from:

	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
FTE Staff Years	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Account					
Motor Vehicle Account-State 108 -1	0	34,000	34,000	32,000	32,000
Total \$	0	34,000	34,000	32,000	32,000

Estimated Capital Budget Impact:

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Part II: Narrative Explanation

II. A - Brief Description Of What The Measure Does That Has Fiscal Impact

Significant provisions of the bill and any related workload or policy assumptions that have revenue or expenditure impact on the responding agency by section number.

Section 4: Adds a new section to Chapter 73.04 RCW discharge means:

- (1) A discharge with an honorable characterization of service;
- (2) A discharge with a general under honorable conditions characterization of service;
- (3) A discharge with an other than honorable characterization of service if the applicant provides a letter, administrative decision, or other documentation from the United States department of veterans affairs showing eligibility for or receipt of monetary benefits, such as disability compensation or nonservice-connected pension; or
- (4) Any characterization of service if the reason for discharge was listed as due to:
 - (a) A person's sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression;
 - (b) statements, consensual sexual conduct, or consensual acts relating to sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression; or
 - (c) the disclosure of statements, conduct, or acts relating to sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression to military officials.

Section 18: Amends RCW 43.23.130 to reference the definition made in section 4 instead of honorable discharge.

Section 21: Amends RCW 46.18.270 to reference the definition made in section 4 instead of honorable discharge.

Section 22: Amends RCW 46.18.280 to reference the definition made in section 4 instead of honorable discharge.

Section 23: Amends RCW 46.18.295 to define active duty military personnel and utilizes the definition of Veteran as listed in RCW 41.04.007. In addition, includes requirements for showing proof of eligibility.

Section 24: Amends RCW 46.20.027 to remove honorably from this section.

Section 25: Amends RCW 46.20.161 to reference the definition made in section 4 instead of honorable discharge.

II. B - Cash receipts Impact

Cash receipts impact of the legislation on the responding agency with the cash receipts provisions identified by section number and when appropriate, the detail of the revenue sources. Description of the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the cash receipts impact is derived. Explanation of how workload assumptions translate into estimates. Distinguished between one time and ongoing functions.

See attached fiscal note.

II. C - Expenditures

Agency expenditures necessary to implement this legislation (or savings resulting from this legislation), with the provisions of the legislation that result in the expenditures (or savings) identified by section number. Description of the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the expenditure impact is derived. Explanation of how workload assumptions translate into cost estimates. Distinguished between one time and ongoing functions.

See attached fiscal note.

Part III: Expenditure Detail

III. A - Operating Budget Expenditures

Account	Account Title	Type	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
108-1	Motor Vehicle Account	State	0	34,000	34,000	32,000	32,000
Total \$			0	34,000	34,000	32,000	32,000

III. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
FTE Staff Years		0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
A-Salaries and Wages		5,000	5,000	10,000	10,000
B-Employee Benefits		2,000	2,000	4,000	4,000
C-Professional Service Contracts					
E-Goods and Other Services		27,000	27,000	18,000	18,000
G-Travel					
J-Capital Outlays					
M-Inter Agency/Fund Transfers					
N-Grants, Benefits & Client Services					
P-Debt Service					
S-Interagency Reimbursements					
T-Intra-Agency Reimbursements					
9-					
Total \$	0	34,000	34,000	32,000	32,000

III. C - Operating FTE Detail: *List FTEs by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals need to agree with total FTEs in Part I and Part IIIA*

Job Classification	Salary	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
Licensing Services Representative 1	48,864		0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Total FTEs			0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1

III. D - Expenditures By Program (optional)

NONE

Part IV: Capital Budget Impact

IV. A - Capital Budget Expenditures

NONE

IV. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

NONE

IV. C - Capital Budget Breakout

Acquisition and construction costs not reflected elsewhere on the fiscal note and description of potential financing methods.

NONE

IV. D - Capital FTE Detail: *FTEs listed by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals agree with total FTEs in Part IVB.*

NONE

Part V: New Rule Making Required

Provisions of the bill that require the agency to adopt new administrative rules or repeal/revise existing rules.

Individual State Agency Fiscal Note

Agency 240 – Department of Licensing

Bill Number: HB 2014

Bill Title: Definition of veteran and restoring honor to veteran

Part 1: Estimates

No Fiscal Impact

Estimated Cash Receipts:

Revenue	Fund	FY 24	FY 25	23-25 Total	25-27 Total	27-29 Total
Veterans Stewardship Account	08V	-	8,000	8,000	25,000	23,000
Motor Vehicle	108	-	10,000	10,000	9,000	4,000
Move Ahead WA Account	26P	-	12,000	12,000	9,000	2,000
Account Totals		-	30,000	30,000	43,000	29,000

Estimated Expenditures:

		FY 24	FY 25	23-25 Total	25-27 Total	27-29 Total
FTE Staff Years		-	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Operating Expenditures	Fund	FY 24	FY 25	23-25 Total	25-27 Total	27-29 Total
Motor Vehicle	108	-	34,000	34,000	32,000	32,000
Account Totals		-	34,000	34,000	32,000	32,000

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Request #	1
Bill #	2014 HB

Part 2 – Explanation

This bill makes changes to the definition of veteran, as well as expands the criteria and availability of state’s veteran’s benefits. This bill also changes the criteria necessary to become eligible for veteran special plates, veteran plate emblems, and veteran driver’s license privileges.

2.A – Brief Description Of What The Measure Does That Has Fiscal Impact

Section 4: Adds a new section to Chapter 73.04 RCW discharge means:

- (1) A discharge with an honorable characterization of service;
- (2) A discharge with a general under honorable conditions characterization of service;
- (3) A discharge with an other than honorable characterization of service if the applicant provides a letter, administrative decision, or other documentation from the United States department of veterans affairs showing eligibility for or receipt of monetary benefits, such as disability compensation or nonservice-connected pension; or
- (4) Any characterization of service if the reason for discharge was listed as due to:
 - (a) A person's sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression;
 - (b) statements, consensual sexual conduct, or consensual acts relating to sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression; or
 - (c) the disclosure of statements, conduct, or acts relating to sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression to military officials.

Section 18: Amends RCW 43.23.130 to reference the definition made in section 4 instead of honorable discharge.

Section 21: Amends RCW 46.18.270 to reference the definition made in section 4 instead of honorable discharge.

Section 22: Amends RCW 46.18.280 to reference the definition made in section 4 instead of honorable discharge.

Section 23: Amends RCW 46.18.295 to define active duty military personnel and utilizes the definition of Veteran as listed in RCW 41.04.007. In addition, includes requirements for showing proof of eligibility.

Section 24: Amends RCW 46.20.027 to remove honorably from this section.

Section 25: Amends RCW 46.20.161 to reference the definition made in section 4 instead of honorable discharge.

2.B - Cash receipts Impact

Revenue	Fund	FY 24	FY 25	23-25 Total	25-27 Total	27-29 Total
Veterans Stewardship Account	08V	-	8,000	8,000	25,000	23,000
Motor Vehicle	108	-	10,000	10,000	9,000	4,000
Move Ahead WA Account	26P	-	12,000	12,000	9,000	2,000
Account Totals		-	30,000	30,000	43,000	29,000

This bill expands the definition of a veteran and the criteria necessary to become eligible for the purchase of veteran special plates and veteran plate emblems. DOL anticipates minimal, if any, impact to veteran emblem purchases. DOL assumes the expanded eligibility would result in approximately 480 additional armed services special plates purchased within the first two years of implementation and around a 1% increase in original plate purchases in subsequent years. Armed services special plate fees

are distributed to the Veterans Stewardship Account (08V) and Motor Vehicle Fund (108). The revenue impact analysis provided is based on the November 2023 forecast.

For the purposes of this analysis, DOL assumes armed services special plates will be purchased as replacement for existing plates. The fee for replacement plate is \$30 per plate and the reflectivity fee is \$2 per plate. DOL assumes these will be purchases for vehicles with two plates. The plate replacement fee is distributed to the Motor Vehicle Fund (108) at \$10 per plate and the Move Ahead WA Account (26P) at \$20 per plate. The plate reflectivity fee is distributed to the Motor Vehicle Fund (108).

2.C – Expenditures

Programs and Services Division (PSD):

What PSD Will Implement:

1. Based on new eligibility, this will increase DVR's military special plates applications and emblems process which is handled by a Licensing Services Representative 1 (LSR1) in Applications & Issuance. The average touch time to process applications is 10 minutes and for emblems is 5 minutes. DVR will need an additional .1 FTE (LSR 1) to complete this work.

Assumptions:

1. DVR process on average 8,000 military plate applications per year. Each application on average takes 10 minutes to complete. With the 6% assumed increase provided in the lead agency assumptions, there will be an estimated increase of 480 applications per year.
2. There will be an increase in refund requests based on new eligibility.
3. There will be Web updates.
4. There will be additional mail costs in the amount of \$2,030 annually to support the additional 480 applications per year.
5. There will be additional plate costs in the amount of \$2,130 annually to support the additional veteran specialty plates and veteran permanent registrations.

Information Services (ISD):

What IS Will Implement:

1. Modify Disabled Veteran Plate statement "Honorable discharge or a discharge for physical reasons with an honorable record" to "Qualifying discharge".

Assumptions:

1. No changes to plate screens as DRIVES already states verify military\vetteran is a "qualifying" individual for military\vetteran plates.
2. Training Team will update Help Articles.
3. The Outreach Program will be managed by business.

The agency will use appropriated funds to hire contract programmers to accomplish this work or to support current staff implementing this legislation within the required timeline. Appropriated funds may also be used to hire agency temporary staff to support permanent staff assigned to this legislative effort.

Any change requires a process to ensure changes are correctly applied to the system. This involves Project Managers that manage the team that completes the update, business analyst that documents and reviews the system changes, architect services that analyzes how the update could have an effect on other systems or DOL processes, developers who create the change, and testers and quality assurance teams that ensure the update is working correctly.

Cost Category	Description	Rate	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	Total Cost
TESTER	Test to verify individual components meet requirements; ensure that other business transactions have not been impacted.	\$ 27,144	-	2,700	-	-	-	-	2,700
BUSINESS ANALYST	Determine business requirements; translate requirements into what changes are needed to various systems including account codes, inventory codes, testing considerations, etc.	\$ 19,836	-	2,000	-	-	-	-	2,000
PROJECT MANAGER	Manage schedule and contracts	\$ 34,452	-	3,400	-	-	-	-	3,400
SECURITY AND ARCHITECT SERVICES	Create the conceptual model that defines the structure, behavior and framework of a computerized system including a breakdown of the system into components, the component interactions and interfaces (including with the environment, especially the user), and the technologies and resources to be used in the design.	\$ 19,836	-	2,000	-	-	-	-	2,000
CONTRACTED FAST DEVELOPER / TESTER	Updates to the DRIVES system will require additional vendor hours outside of the contracted maintenance to make system updates to implement this bill.	\$ 37,236	-	3,700	-	-	-	-	3,700
Trainer	Trains business partners and employees in new system processes and capabilities.	\$ 27,144	-	2,700	-	-	-	-	2,700
Project Contingency	Office of the Chief Information Officer designated rate of 10%	\$ 29,824	-	1,700	-	-	-	-	1,700
Totals			-	18,200	-	-	-	-	18,200

Support Services:

Agency Administrative Overhead is included at a rate of 23.4 percent of the direct program costs. This funding received covers agency-wide functions such as vendor payments, contract administration, financial management, mail processing, equipment management, help desk support, and technical assistance to DOL employees. These indirect costs are shown under object E.

Part 3 – Expenditure Detail

3.A – Operating Budget Expenditures

Operating Expenditures	Fund	FY 24	FY 25	23-25 Total	25-27 Total	27-29 Total
Motor Vehicle	108	-	34,000	34,000	32,000	32,000
Account Totals		-	34,000	34,000	32,000	32,000

3.B – Expenditures by Object or Purpose

Object of Expenditure	FY 24	FY 25	23-25 Total	25-27 Total	27-29 Total	
FTE Staff Years	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	
Salaries and Wages	-	5,000	5,000	10,000	10,000	
Employee Benefits	-	2,000	2,000	4,000	4,000	
Goods and Services	-	27,000	27,000	18,000	18,000	
Total By Object Type		-	34,000	34,000	32,000	32,000

3.C – FTE Detail

Staffing	Salary	FY 24	FY 25	23-25 Total	25-27 Total	27-29 Total
Licensing Services Representative 1	48,864	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Total FTE		0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1

Part 4 – Capital Budget Impact

None.

Part 5 – New Rule Making Required

None.

Individual State Agency Fiscal Note

Bill Number: 2014 HB	Title: Definition of veteran	Agency: 305-Department of Veterans Affairs
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Part I: Estimates

No Fiscal Impact

Estimated Cash Receipts to:

NONE

Estimated Operating Expenditures from:

	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
FTE Staff Years	0.0	3.0	1.5	3.0	3.0
Account					
General Fund-State 001-1	0	740,000	740,000	1,440,000	1,440,000
Total \$	0	740,000	740,000	1,440,000	1,440,000

Estimated Capital Budget Impact:

NONE

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Part II: Narrative Explanation

II. A - Brief Description Of What The Measure Does That Has Fiscal Impact

Significant provisions of the bill and any related workload or policy assumptions that have revenue or expenditure impact on the responding agency by section number.

Section 5 generates fiscal impact to Washington State Department of Veterans Affairs (WDVA) by requiring the agency to develop and implement an outreach program to ensure that veterans as defined in RCW 41.04.005 and 41.04.007 are aware of state veterans' benefits and programs. Outreach information shall explain, in an easy-to-understand format, changes in the law for the definition of a veteran, unchanged eligibility requirements for current benefits, and how to find more information about benefits from the department and other state agencies. The outreach program must begin on the effective date of this section.

II. B - Cash receipts Impact

Cash receipts impact of the legislation on the responding agency with the cash receipts provisions identified by section number and when appropriate, the detail of the revenue sources. Description of the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the cash receipts impact is derived. Explanation of how workload assumptions translate into estimates. Distinguished between one time and ongoing functions.

II. C - Expenditures

Agency expenditures necessary to implement this legislation (or savings resulting from this legislation), with the provisions of the legislation that result in the expenditures (or savings) identified by section number. Description of the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the expenditure impact is derived. Explanation of how workload assumptions translate into cost estimates. Distinguished between one time and ongoing functions.

Section 5 requires WDVA to develop implement an outreach program to ensure that veterans as defined in RCW 41.04.005 and 41.04.007 are aware of state veterans' benefits and programs.

WDVA assumes 3.0 FTE impact [2.0 Program Specialist 5 (PS5) and 1.0 Communications Consultant 5 (CC5)], broken out as follows:

0.5 FTE (PS5) required for ongoing outreach to existing veterans and family members. Assumes there could be an additional impact to surviving spouses and family members of services that may be received under the new definitions of this bill. Assumes an increase in Veterans contacting WDVA to get clarity on current benefits and levels of compensation already accessed. Assumes the existing VSO officers and organizations supported by WDVA will require training and education on the new terms and how to engage in assisting Veterans in applying for any additional benefits they are entitled to by the bill.

0.5 FTE (PS5) required for ongoing training of existing and ongoing VSO officer certification. Assumes an impact and possible increase in outreach and education within the WDVA LGBTQ+ Program which may impact capacity and existing resourcing support if additional technology or virtual capabilities for training and education are not supplied.

0.5 FTE (PS5) required for outreach and education within LGBTQ+ veterans and family members. Assumes ongoing support needs for education and outreach to transitioning military into Veteran Status to include family. Assumes continued increase in this Veteran Population from other methods like moving to Washington State each year, increasing the number of potential Veterans requiring outreach and education on the definition changes enacted from this bill.

0.5 FTE (PS5) required for ongoing statewide education and outreach to transitioning military and current veteran population.

0.25 FTE (CC5) required for ongoing statewide education and outreach. Assumes providing education through training materials, virtual education classes on the new status of Veteran, and support steps for those veterans on Veteran Benefits they may now be able to obtain.

0.25 FTE (CC5) required for ongoing production of training materials. Assumes the need for resources to support education and outreach activities related to the terms in this bill for new definitions of a Veteran and status changes allowing for potential additional benefits and services. Assumes the need for resources to do the work of outreach, marketing, and content management of websites, and other communication activities.

0.5 FTE (CC5) required for ongoing marketing, website content management, and other communication activities.

In addition to FTE, WDVA assumes the following impact:

a. \$50,000/year for IT services: enhanced social media advertising & marketing (short informational videos or podcasts), modifications to the WDVA website, current and ongoing training and research, technology support for local Veteran Service Organization (VSO) officers, and training platform to communicate on an ongoing basis for VSO officers.

b. \$60,000/year for printing: \$50,000 for updating all WDVA letters, brochures, pamphlets, posters and other printed materials which reference character of discharge for eligibility for WDVA program and services, printing costs for updated materials, statewide mailing and distribution of updated materials to WDVA offices, VSO's, other partners, and the general public. \$10,000 for mailing brochures to all partner organizations who maintain our publications, Veterans Service Officers (VSOs), WorkSource Offices, Veteran Resource Centers at colleges, and letters to those previously denied veteran applicants who may now qualify for services.

c. \$300/year for Zoom platform to provide virtual access between veterans and WDVA staff.

d. \$99,500/year for specialized training: hiring subject matter expert trainers who are certified to provide Continuing Education Credits (CEUs), CEU certification with the American Psychological Association, EventSquid contract renewal for online registration platform (for up to 5,000 people per event), and conducting an annual statewide conference for 350+ attendees.

e. \$42,000/year (\$3,500/per month) travel costs to attend all stand downs and host Town Halls and/or public meetings, trainings, across the state to disseminate the information and talk with veterans and their families in their local settings. This includes dedicated travel to tribal events to support cultural events for veterans.

f. \$10,000/year for equipment to include, but not limited to: mobile printer, Bluetooth PA system, I-Pad mini, Meeting Owl, Microsoft Surface, and Vibe Board.

Part III: Expenditure Detail

III. A - Operating Budget Expenditures

Account	Account Title	Type	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
001-1	General Fund	State	0	740,000	740,000	1,440,000	1,440,000
Total \$			0	740,000	740,000	1,440,000	1,440,000

III. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
FTE Staff Years		3.0	1.5	3.0	3.0
A-Salaries and Wages		263,000	263,000	526,000	526,000
B-Employee Benefits		109,000	109,000	218,000	218,000
C-Professional Service Contracts					
E-Goods and Other Services		225,000	225,000	450,000	450,000
G-Travel		42,000	42,000	84,000	84,000
J-Capital Outlays		18,000	18,000		
M-Inter Agency/Fund Transfers					
N-Grants, Benefits & Client Services					
P-Debt Service					
S-Interagency Reimbursements					
T-Intra-Agency Reimbursements		83,000	83,000	162,000	162,000
9-					
Total \$	0	740,000	740,000	1,440,000	1,440,000

III. C - Operating FTE Detail: *List FTEs by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals need to agree with total FTEs in Part I and Part IIIA*

Job Classification	Salary	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
107L: PROGRAM SPECIALIST 5	86,208		2.0	1.0	2.0	2.0
197M: COMMUNICATIONS CONSULTANT 5	90,624		1.0	0.5	1.0	1.0
Total FTEs			3.0	1.5	3.0	3.0

III. D - Expenditures By Program (optional)

Program	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
Veterans Services (020)		740,000	740,000	1,440,000	1,440,000
Total \$		740,000	740,000	1,440,000	1,440,000

Part IV: Capital Budget Impact

IV. A - Capital Budget Expenditures

NONE

IV. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

NONE

IV. C - Capital Budget Breakout

Acquisition and construction costs not reflected elsewhere on the fiscal note and description of potential financing methods.

NONE

IV. D - Capital FTE Detail: *FTEs listed by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals agree with total FTEs in Part IVB.*

NONE

Part V: New Rule Making Required

Provisions of the bill that require the agency to adopt new administrative rules or repeal/revise existing rules.

Individual State Agency Fiscal Note

Bill Number: 2014 HB	Title: Definition of veteran	Agency: 340-Student Achievement Council
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Part I: Estimates

No Fiscal Impact

Estimated Cash Receipts to:

NONE

Estimated Operating Expenditures from:

NONE

Estimated Capital Budget Impact:

NONE

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Part II: Narrative Explanation

II. A - Brief Description Of What The Measure Does That Has Fiscal Impact

Significant provisions of the bill and any related workload or policy assumptions that have revenue or expenditure impact on the responding agency by section number.

This bill would create eligibility for state benefits for veterans who were separated with less than honorable characterizations of service due solely to sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression or actions or statements related to sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression, regardless of characterization of service. (Section 1). It adds a definition of “qualifying discharge” to Chapter 73.04 RCW that is consistent with the reasons for discharge identified in Section 1 of the bill. (Section 4).

The definition of “resident student” under Chapter 28B.15.012 RCW would be expanded to include a student with a qualifying discharge – or the spouse, state registered domestic partner, or child of an individual who has separated or retired with a qualifying discharge, so long as any additional criteria for residency are established.

The definition of “eligible veteran or national guard member” for the Educator Conditional Scholarship and Repayment Programs under Chapter 28B.102 RCW would be expanded to include a Washington domiciliary who was a service member with a qualifying discharge.

The Washington Student Achievement Council (WSAC) maintains resources that include definitions of “resident student” and “eligible veteran or national guard member” for the Educator Conditional Scholarship and Repayment Programs. WSAC routinely updates these resources and anticipates being able to amend these definitions as part of that routine process. Additionally, residency determinations are made by institutions and not by WSAC. For these reasons, the bill would have no fiscal impact.

II. B - Cash receipts Impact

Cash receipts impact of the legislation on the responding agency with the cash receipts provisions identified by section number and when appropriate, the detail of the revenue sources. Description of the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the cash receipts impact is derived. Explanation of how workload assumptions translate into estimates. Distinguished between one time and ongoing functions.

II. C - Expenditures

Agency expenditures necessary to implement this legislation (or savings resulting from this legislation), with the provisions of the legislation that result in the expenditures (or savings) identified by section number. Description of the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the expenditure impact is derived. Explanation of how workload assumptions translate into cost estimates. Distinguished between one time and ongoing functions.

Part III: Expenditure Detail

III. A - Operating Budget Expenditures

NONE

III. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

NONE

III. C - Operating FTE Detail: *FTEs listed by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals agree with total FTEs in Part I and Part IIIA.*

NONE

III. D - Expenditures By Program (optional)

NONE

Part IV: Capital Budget Impact

IV. A - Capital Budget Expenditures

NONE

IV. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

NONE

IV. C - Capital Budget Breakout

Acquisition and construction costs not reflected elsewhere on the fiscal note and description of potential financing methods.

NONE

IV. D - Capital FTE Detail: *FTEs listed by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals agree with total FTEs in Part IVB.*

NONE

Part V: New Rule Making Required

Provisions of the bill that require the agency to adopt new administrative rules or repeal/revise existing rules.

Individual State Agency Fiscal Note

Bill Number: 2014 HB	Title: Definition of veteran	Agency: 360-University of Washington
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Part I: Estimates

No Fiscal Impact

Estimated Cash Receipts to:

Non-zero but indeterminate cost and/or savings. Please see discussion.

Estimated Operating Expenditures from:

NONE

Estimated Capital Budget Impact:

NONE

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Part II: Narrative Explanation

II. A - Brief Description Of What The Measure Does That Has Fiscal Impact

Significant provisions of the bill and any related workload or policy assumptions that have revenue or expenditure impact on the responding agency by section number.

House Bill 2014 would extend eligibility for in-state residency to certain veterans and their dependents, and tuition waivers to children of military or naval veterans. The following sections would impact the University of Washington (UW):

Section 4 would broaden the definition of qualifying discharge to include "general under honorable conditions, other than honorable" if the service member show documentation for eligibility of VA monetary benefits and broadens the definition for reason for discharge in relation to sexual orientation, gender identity, or expression.

Section 11(2)(l) would extend the eligibility for in-state residency to students with at least 10 years of service to include qualifying discharge as defined in Section 4.

Section 11(2)(m) would extend the eligibility for in-state residency to the spouse, domestic partner, or dependents of the group in Section 11(2)(l).

Section 11(2)(n) would extend the eligibility for in-state residency for students discharged due to reasons as described in Section 4.

Section 12 would extend the eligibility for tuition waivers for service members and their dependents to include the broader definition of eligible veteran by extending the qualifying discharge type as described in Section 4.

II. B - Cash receipts Impact

Cash receipts impact of the legislation on the responding agency with the cash receipts provisions identified by section number and when appropriate, the detail of the revenue sources. Description of the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the cash receipts impact is derived. Explanation of how workload assumptions translate into estimates. Distinguished between one time and ongoing functions.

The fiscal impact of this bill is indeterminate. However, we estimate that the net gain of cash receipts would be greater than \$50,000 due to increases in tuition revenue from students now eligible for in-state tuition under the measure.

SECTION 11

The most recent update to RCW 28B.15.012(2)(k) (students eligible for VA education benefits) is quite broad, and the majority of military connected students qualifying for in-state tuition under RCW 28B.15.012(2) falls under (2)(k). For the 2022-23 academic year, we had 2 students qualifying under (2)(m), and for 2023-24 academic year so far, we have 5 students qualifying under (2)(m). We do not have any data on students that would fall under (2)(l) or (2)(n).

It should also be noted that the WDVA estimates a 2%-6% increase in number of veterans receiving benefits.

The cash receipts impact of section 11 is difficult to estimate and ultimately indeterminate for the following reasons: 1) It is unknown how many additional students would be eligible for resident tuition if this would result in additional students enrolling at the UW. 2) It is unknown how many existing students would qualify as we do not track discharge types of students. 3) It is also unknown what type of degree an eligible student might pursue and whether they would attend full-time or part-time.

SECTION 12

We typically see fewer than 5 cases of tuition waiver applications where their discharge type has been different than the current RCW.

The cash receipts impact of section 12 is difficult to estimate and ultimately indeterminate for the following reasons: 1) It is unknown how many additional students would be eligible for tuition waivers if this would result in additional students enrolling at the UW. 2) It is unknown how many existing students would qualify. 3) It is also unknown what type of degree an eligible student might pursue and whether they would attend full-time or part-time.

These unknown factors, in combination, would determine the dollar value of an individual student's tuition waiver.

II. C - Expenditures

Agency expenditures necessary to implement this legislation (or savings resulting from this legislation), with the provisions of the legislation that result in the expenditures (or savings) identified by section number. Description of the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the expenditure impact is derived. Explanation of how workload assumptions translate into cost estimates. Distinguished between one time and ongoing functions.

This bill would most likely not require any significant changes to systems to successfully track revised student eligibility, so any changes would be minor and absorbed within existing resources.

Part III: Expenditure Detail

III. A - Operating Budget Expenditures

NONE

III. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

NONE

III. C - Operating FTE Detail: *FTEs listed by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals agree with total FTEs in Part I and Part IIIA.*

NONE

III. D - Expenditures By Program (optional)

NONE

Part IV: Capital Budget Impact

IV. A - Capital Budget Expenditures

NONE

IV. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

NONE

IV. C - Capital Budget Breakout

Acquisition and construction costs not reflected elsewhere on the fiscal note and description of potential financing methods.

NONE

IV. D - Capital FTE Detail: *FTEs listed by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals agree with total FTEs in Part IVB.*

NONE

Part V: New Rule Making Required

Provisions of the bill that require the agency to adopt new administrative rules or repeal/revise existing rules.

Individual State Agency Fiscal Note

Bill Number: 2014 HB	Title: Definition of veteran	Agency: 365-Washington State University
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Part I: Estimates

No Fiscal Impact

Estimated Cash Receipts to:

NONE

Estimated Operating Expenditures from:

NONE

Estimated Capital Budget Impact:

NONE

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- Capital budget impact, complete Part IV.
- Requires new rule making, complete Part V.

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Part II: Narrative Explanation

II. A - Brief Description Of What The Measure Does That Has Fiscal Impact

Significant provisions of the bill and any related workload or policy assumptions that have revenue or expenditure impact on the responding agency by section number.

HB 2014 amends existing state laws to align the federal and state definition of "veteran."

WSU expects no fiscal impact due to this bill.

II. B - Cash receipts Impact

Cash receipts impact of the legislation on the responding agency with the cash receipts provisions identified by section number and when appropriate, the detail of the revenue sources. Description of the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the cash receipts impact is derived. Explanation of how workload assumptions translate into estimates. Distinguished between one time and ongoing functions.

II. C - Expenditures

Agency expenditures necessary to implement this legislation (or savings resulting from this legislation), with the provisions of the legislation that result in the expenditures (or savings) identified by section number. Description of the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the expenditure impact is derived. Explanation of how workload assumptions translate into cost estimates. Distinguished between one time and ongoing functions.

Part III: Expenditure Detail

III. A - Operating Budget Expenditures

NONE

III. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

NONE

III. C - Operating FTE Detail: *FTEs listed by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals agree with total FTEs in Part I and Part IIIA.*

NONE

III. D - Expenditures By Program (optional)

NONE

Part IV: Capital Budget Impact

IV. A - Capital Budget Expenditures

NONE

IV. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

NONE

IV. C - Capital Budget Breakout

Acquisition and construction costs not reflected elsewhere on the fiscal note and description of potential financing methods.

NONE

IV. D - Capital FTE Detail: *FTEs listed by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals agree with total FTEs in Part IVB.*

NONE

Part V: New Rule Making Required

Provisions of the bill that require the agency to adopt new administrative rules or repeal/revise existing rules.

Individual State Agency Fiscal Note

Bill Number: 2014 HB	Title: Definition of veteran	Agency: 370-Eastern Washington University
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Part I: Estimates

No Fiscal Impact

Estimated Cash Receipts to:

NONE

Estimated Operating Expenditures from:

NONE

Estimated Capital Budget Impact:

NONE

The cash receipts and expenditure estimates on this page represent the most likely fiscal impact. Factors impacting the precision of these estimates, and alternate ranges (if appropriate), are explained in Part II.

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- Capital budget impact, complete Part IV.
- Requires new rule making, complete Part V.

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Part II: Narrative Explanation

II. A - Brief Description Of What The Measure Does That Has Fiscal Impact

Significant provisions of the bill and any related workload or policy assumptions that have revenue or expenditure impact on the responding agency by section number.

HB 2014 aligns the state definition of “veteran” with the federal definition to expand state veterans’ benefits to any veteran already eligible for federal department of veterans affairs monetary benefits. Additionally, eligibility for state benefits will be created for veterans separated with less than honorable service due to sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression or related actions or statements. This proposed bill does not make specific amendments to RCW broadening benefits related to higher education, however the expanded state definition of “veteran” may extend availability of state veterans’ benefits for higher education to veteran students who otherwise would not be eligible. As this would affect a indeterminately small population of students, and related funding for state veterans' benefits is funded externally to EWU, we do not anticipate a fiscal impact from the passing of this bill.

II. B - Cash receipts Impact

Cash receipts impact of the legislation on the responding agency with the cash receipts provisions identified by section number and when appropriate, the detail of the revenue sources. Description of the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the cash receipts impact is derived. Explanation of how workload assumptions translate into estimates. Distinguished between one time and ongoing functions.

II. C - Expenditures

Agency expenditures necessary to implement this legislation (or savings resulting from this legislation), with the provisions of the legislation that result in the expenditures (or savings) identified by section number. Description of the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the expenditure impact is derived. Explanation of how workload assumptions translate into cost estimates. Distinguished between one time and ongoing functions.

Part III: Expenditure Detail

III. A - Operating Budget Expenditures

NONE

III. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

NONE

III. C - Operating FTE Detail: *FTEs listed by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals agree with total FTEs in Part I and Part IIIA.*

NONE

III. D - Expenditures By Program (optional)

NONE

Part IV: Capital Budget Impact

IV. A - Capital Budget Expenditures

NONE

IV. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

NONE

IV. C - Capital Budget Breakout

Acquisition and construction costs not reflected elsewhere on the fiscal note and description of potential financing methods.

NONE

IV. D - Capital FTE Detail: *FTEs listed by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals agree with total FTEs in Part IVB.*

NONE

Part V: New Rule Making Required

Provisions of the bill that require the agency to adopt new administrative rules or repeal/revise existing rules.

Individual State Agency Fiscal Note

Bill Number: 2014 HB	Title: Definition of veteran	Agency: 375-Central Washington University
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Part I: Estimates

No Fiscal Impact

Estimated Cash Receipts to:

NONE

Estimated Operating Expenditures from:

NONE

Estimated Capital Budget Impact:

NONE

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- Capital budget impact, complete Part IV.
- Requires new rule making, complete Part V.

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Part II: Narrative Explanation

II. A - Brief Description Of What The Measure Does That Has Fiscal Impact

Significant provisions of the bill and any related workload or policy assumptions that have revenue or expenditure impact on the responding agency by section number.

In sections 1-3, 5-10 and 12-31 The legislature is intending to align the federal and state definition of “veteran” to expand veterans’ benefits to any veteran who is already eligible for federal department of veterans affairs monetary benefits and inserts “qualifying discharge” as defined in section 4.

Section 4: New section: Defines a “qualifying discharge”.

Section 11 applies to Institutions of Higher Education as summarized below:

Section 11: Amending RCW 28B.15.012 and 2022 c 249 s 1 as follows: (2)(l & m) Strikes out “honorable” and inserted a “qualifying discharge as defined in section 4 of this act”. (n) a student who has separated from the uniformed services who was discharged for a reason described in section 4(4) of this act.

CWU anticipates a very minimal effort necessary to update language on our website and in applicable forms. This effort will be absorbed within existing resources and therefore results in no fiscal impact to comply with this bill.

II. B - Cash receipts Impact

Cash receipts impact of the legislation on the responding agency with the cash receipts provisions identified by section number and when appropriate, the detail of the revenue sources. Description of the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the cash receipts impact is derived. Explanation of how workload assumptions translate into estimates. Distinguished between one time and ongoing functions.

II. C - Expenditures

Agency expenditures necessary to implement this legislation (or savings resulting from this legislation), with the provisions of the legislation that result in the expenditures (or savings) identified by section number. Description of the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the expenditure impact is derived. Explanation of how workload assumptions translate into cost estimates. Distinguished between one time and ongoing functions.

Part III: Expenditure Detail

III. A - Operating Budget Expenditures

NONE

III. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

NONE

III. C - Operating FTE Detail: *FTEs listed by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals agree with total FTEs in Part I and Part IIIA.*

NONE

III. D - Expenditures By Program (optional)

NONE

Part IV: Capital Budget Impact

IV. A - Capital Budget Expenditures

NONE

IV. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

NONE

IV. C - Capital Budget Breakout

Acquisition and construction costs not reflected elsewhere on the fiscal note and description of potential financing methods.

NONE

IV. D - Capital FTE Detail: *FTEs listed by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals agree with total FTEs in Part IVB.*

NONE

Part V: New Rule Making Required

Provisions of the bill that require the agency to adopt new administrative rules or repeal/revise existing rules.

Individual State Agency Fiscal Note

Bill Number: 2014 HB	Title: Definition of veteran	Agency: 376-The Evergreen State College
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Part I: Estimates

No Fiscal Impact

Estimated Cash Receipts to:

NONE

Estimated Operating Expenditures from:

	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
Account					
Inst of HI ED-Operating Fees	0	21,797	21,797	112,508	210,620
Acct-Non-Appropriated 149-6					
Total \$	0	21,797	21,797	112,508	210,620

Estimated Capital Budget Impact:

NONE

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Part II: Narrative Explanation

II. A - Brief Description Of What The Measure Does That Has Fiscal Impact

Significant provisions of the bill and any related workload or policy assumptions that have revenue or expenditure impact on the responding agency by section number.

HB 2014

HB 2014 creates a new, more inclusive definition of “veteran” that will include those who served but who received less than honorable discharges under certain conditions.

Section 1 creates alignment between the state and federal definitions of veterans, and makes veterans who received a less than honorable discharge due solely to sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression or actions or statements related to sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression, eligible for state benefits.

Section 4 redefines “qualifying discharge” in accordance with the conditions in Section 1.

Subsequent sections redefine eligibility for veterans benefit programs in accordance with the new definition of veteran in section 1 and the new definition of “qualifying discharge” in section 4.

Section 12.8 (b) confirms the eligibility of students to participate in approved tuition waiver programs at institutions of higher education in accordance with the new definition of “qualifying discharge” in section 4.

II. B - Cash receipts Impact

Cash receipts impact of the legislation on the responding agency with the cash receipts provisions identified by section number and when appropriate, the detail of the revenue sources. Description of the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the cash receipts impact is derived. Explanation of how workload assumptions translate into estimates. Distinguished between one time and ongoing functions.

II. C - Expenditures

Agency expenditures necessary to implement this legislation (or savings resulting from this legislation), with the provisions of the legislation that result in the expenditures (or savings) identified by section number. Description of the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the expenditure impact is derived. Explanation of how workload assumptions translate into cost estimates. Distinguished between one time and ongoing functions.

Evergreen has been contacted by students in recent years who are currently ineligible for benefits because they received less than honorable discharges as a result of the conditions laid out in section 1 of the bill. We believe some of these students will welcome the opportunity to pursue their education at Evergreen using their restored eligibility for benefits and we expect them to pursue tuition waivers, which will increase enrollment but not tuition revenue. Other institutions already have tuition waivers in place for ineligible veteran students, but Evergreen does not, so bringing on these additional students on tuition waivers will result in new expenditures for the college.

Based on the likely effective date of the bill, no costs are anticipated for FY 2024. Estimates use FY 2023 expenditures on veteran's waivers of \$544,926 as the base year. Expenditures are increased by 4% each fiscal year beginning with FY 2025 based on the assumptions issued by the Washington Department of Veterans Affairs regarding anticipated growth in the eligible population.

Part III: Expenditure Detail

III. A - Operating Budget Expenditures

Account	Account Title	Type	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
149-6	Inst of HI ED-Operating Fees Acct	Non-Appr opriated	0	21,797	21,797	112,508	210,620
Total \$			0	21,797	21,797	112,508	210,620

III. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
FTE Staff Years					
A-Salaries and Wages					
B-Employee Benefits					
C-Professional Service Contracts					
E-Goods and Other Services					
G-Travel					
J-Capital Outlays					
M-Inter Agency/Fund Transfers					
N-Grants, Benefits & Client Services		21,797	21,797	112,508	210,620
P-Debt Service					
S-Interagency Reimbursements					
T-Intra-Agency Reimbursements					
9-					
Total \$	0	21,797	21,797	112,508	210,620

III. C - Operating FTE Detail: *FTEs listed by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals agree with total FTEs in Part I and Part IIIA.*

NONE

III. D - Expenditures By Program (optional)

NONE

Part IV: Capital Budget Impact

IV. A - Capital Budget Expenditures

NONE

IV. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

NONE

IV. C - Capital Budget Breakout

Acquisition and construction costs not reflected elsewhere on the fiscal note and description of potential financing methods.

NONE

IV. D - Capital FTE Detail: *FTEs listed by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals agree with total FTEs in Part IVB.*

NONE

Part V: New Rule Making Required

Provisions of the bill that require the agency to adopt new administrative rules or repeal/revise existing rules.

Individual State Agency Fiscal Note

Bill Number: 2014 HB	Title: Definition of veteran	Agency: 380-Western Washington University
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Part I: Estimates

No Fiscal Impact

Estimated Cash Receipts to:

NONE

Estimated Operating Expenditures from:

NONE

Estimated Capital Budget Impact:

NONE

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- Requires new rule making, complete Part V.

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Part II: Narrative Explanation

II. A - Brief Description Of What The Measure Does That Has Fiscal Impact

Significant provisions of the bill and any related workload or policy assumptions that have revenue or expenditure impact on the responding agency by section number.

This proposed legislation modifies the definition of “qualifying discharge” for purposes of veterans’ benefits eligibility for existing programs in higher education.

Section 1: Aligns the federal and state definition of “veteran” expanding state veterans’ benefits to any veteran who is already eligible for federal department of veterans affairs monetary benefits. This section also modifies the definition of “veteran” for eligibility for various programs previously listed as “honorable discharge” to now include veterans who were separated with less than honorable characterizations of service due solely to sexual orientation, gender identify, or gender expression, regardless of characterization of service.

Subsequent sections are amended to cite the revised definition of “qualifying discharge” for purposes of eligibility for various existing program benefits where eligibility was previously only under “honorable” discharge to now include those under the definition in Section?4.

No Fiscal Impact for the following reasons:

In aligning the state definition with the federal definition of Veteran, it does not open any additional benefits to Veteran students. State benefits are contingent on the student being eligible for the Federal benefits. Additionally RCW b.15.621 already includes a subsection that includes any service member discharged “if the sole reason for discharge is due to gender or sexuality.”

Thus, this bill should have little to no impact on the Veteran Service Office, and other Veteran student serving offices (i.e., result in little to no additional work or expenses).

II. B - Cash receipts Impact

Cash receipts impact of the legislation on the responding agency with the cash receipts provisions identified by section number and when appropriate, the detail of the revenue sources. Description of the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the cash receipts impact is derived. Explanation of how workload assumptions translate into estimates. Distinguished between one time and ongoing functions.

II. C - Expenditures

Agency expenditures necessary to implement this legislation (or savings resulting from this legislation), with the provisions of the legislation that result in the expenditures (or savings) identified by section number. Description of the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the expenditure impact is derived. Explanation of how workload assumptions translate into cost estimates. Distinguished between one time and ongoing functions.

This bill is not anticipated to have a fiscal impact for reasons noted in the Summary section.

Part III: Expenditure Detail

III. A - Operating Budget Expenditures

NONE

III. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

NONE

III. C - Operating FTE Detail: *FTEs listed by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals agree with total FTEs in Part I and Part IIIA.*

NONE

III. D - Expenditures By Program (optional)

NONE

Part IV: Capital Budget Impact

IV. A - Capital Budget Expenditures

NONE

IV. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

NONE

IV. C - Capital Budget Breakout

Acquisition and construction costs not reflected elsewhere on the fiscal note and description of potential financing methods.

NONE

IV. D - Capital FTE Detail: *FTEs listed by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals agree with total FTEs in Part IVB.*

NONE

Part V: New Rule Making Required

Provisions of the bill that require the agency to adopt new administrative rules or repeal/revise existing rules.

Individual State Agency Fiscal Note

Bill Number: 2014 HB	Title: Definition of veteran	Agency: 477-Department of Fish and Wildlife
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Part I: Estimates

No Fiscal Impact

Estimated Cash Receipts to:

ACCOUNT	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
Recreational Fisheries Enhancement-State 04M-1		(2,000)	(2,000)	(4,000)	(4,000)
Limited Fish and Wildlife Account-State 104-1		(1,000)	(1,000)	(2,000)	(2,000)
Fish, Wildlife, and Conservation Account-State 24N-1		(12,000)	(12,000)	(24,000)	(24,000)
Total \$		(15,000)	(15,000)	(30,000)	(30,000)

Estimated Operating Expenditures from:

NONE

Estimated Capital Budget Impact:

NONE

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- Requires new rule making, complete Part V.

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Part II: Narrative Explanation

II. A - Brief Description Of What The Measure Does That Has Fiscal Impact

Significant provisions of the bill and any related workload or policy assumptions that have revenue or expenditure impact on the responding agency by section number.

Section 2 amends the definition of “veteran” by striking, “an honorable discharge, is actively serving honorably, or received a discharge for physical reasons with an honorable record” and adding “a qualifying discharge as defined in section 4 of this act.”

Section 4 defines “qualifying discharge” as a discharge with an honorable characterization of service; a discharge with a general under honorable conditions characterization of service; a discharge with an other than honorable characterization or any characterization of service if the reason for discharge was listed as due to a person’s sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression; statements.

Section 30 strikes language “is an honorably discharged veteran” and adds “has a qualifying discharge, as defined in section 4 of this act.”

II. B - Cash receipts Impact

Cash receipts impact of the legislation on the responding agency with the cash receipts provisions identified by section number and when appropriate, the detail of the revenue sources. Description of the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the cash receipts impact is derived. Explanation of how workload assumptions translate into estimates. Distinguished between one time and ongoing functions.

Following lead agency assumptions from the Department of Veteran Affairs, WDFW estimates that 2% more veterans will be eligible to purchase a combination fishing license at the reduced rate of \$5.00 and hunting licenses at the reduced rate of a youth license. WDFW used eligible veterans license purchase data from the last 5 years for this fiscal note. WDFW assumes that there will be no new hunters and anglers purchasing licenses, but there will be current license holders that become eligible under the changes who will purchase their next license at the reduced rate.

The impact of the changes in Sections 4 and Section 30 are a loss in revenue of -\$16,000 per fiscal year. The breakout is below:

Combination Fishing Licenses

Additional Veterans (based on a 5-year average): $14,347 * 0.2\% = 287$

Combination Fishing License Regular Price: \$45.00

Discounted Combination Fishing License: \$5.00

The change in revenue will be $287 * (\$5 - \$45) = -\$11,480$. The Limited Fish and Wildlife Account (104) collects 10 percent of these transactions for the Wild Transaction Fee (see expenditure narrative): $-\$11,480 * 10\% = -\$1,148$.

Total revenue loss (rounded to the nearest thousand): $-\$11,000 + -\$1,000 = -\$12,000$

Hunting Licenses

Additional Veterans (based on a 5-year average): $2,234 * 0.2\% = 45$

DEBC w/DSG license: \$105.00

Discounted DEBC w/DSG license: \$48

The only license where WDFW anticipates a significant change in revenue (more than \$1,000) is the Deer, Elk, Bear, Cougar w/discounted small game hunting (DEBC w/DSG) licenses. The change in revenue will be $45 * (\$48 - \$105) = -\$2,565$. The Limited Fish and Wildlife Account (104) collects 10 percent of these transactions for the Wild Transaction Fee (see expenditure narrative): $-\$2,565 * 10\% = -\257 .

Total revenue loss (rounded to the nearest thousand): $-\$3,000 + \$0 = -\$3,000$

II. C - Expenditures

Agency expenditures necessary to implement this legislation (or savings resulting from this legislation), with the provisions of the legislation that result in the expenditures (or savings) identified by section number. Description of the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the expenditure impact is derived. Explanation of how workload assumptions translate into cost estimates. Distinguished between one time and ongoing functions.

Part III: Expenditure Detail

III. A - Operating Budget Expenditures

NONE

III. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

NONE

III. C - Operating FTE Detail: FTEs listed by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals agree with total FTEs in Part I and Part IIIA.

NONE

III. D - Expenditures By Program (optional)

NONE

Part IV: Capital Budget Impact

IV. A - Capital Budget Expenditures

NONE

IV. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

NONE

IV. C - Capital Budget Breakout

Acquisition and construction costs not reflected elsewhere on the fiscal note and description of potential financing methods.

NONE

IV. D - Capital FTE Detail: FTEs listed by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals agree with total FTEs in Part IVB.

NONE

Part V: New Rule Making Required

Provisions of the bill that require the agency to adopt new administrative rules or repeal/revise existing rules.

Individual State Agency Fiscal Note

Bill Number: 2014 HB	Title: Definition of veteran	Agency: 699-Community and Technica College System
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Part I: Estimates

No Fiscal Impact

Estimated Cash Receipts to:

NONE

Estimated Operating Expenditures from:

NONE

Estimated Capital Budget Impact:

NONE

The cash receipts and expenditure estimates on this page represent the most likely fiscal impact. Factors impacting the precision of these estimates, and alternate ranges (if appropriate), are explained in Part II.

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- Capital budget impact, complete Part IV.
- Requires new rule making, complete Part V.

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Part II: Narrative Explanation

II. A - Brief Description Of What The Measure Does That Has Fiscal Impact

Significant provisions of the bill and any related workload or policy assumptions that have revenue or expenditure impact on the responding agency by section number.

This bill seeks to align federal and state definitions of “veteran”. The bill would also create eligibility for state benefits for veterans who were separated with less than honorable characterizations of service due solely to sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression or actions or statements related to sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression, regardless of characterization of service.

The bill would establish a definition for “qualifying discharge” for use in determining eligibility for various benefits for uniformed services members, including eligibility for resident tuition rates and tuition waivers.

SECTION 4

The term “qualifying discharge” means:

- (1) A discharge with an honorable characterization of service;
- (2) A discharge with a general under honorable conditions characterization of service;
- (3) A discharge, other than honorable characterization of service, if the applicant provides a letter, administrative decision, or other documentation from the United States department of veterans affairs showing eligibility for or receipt of monetary benefits;
- (4) Any characterization of service if the reason for discharge was listed as:
 - A person's sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression;
 - Statements, consensual sexual conduct, or consensual acts relating to sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression;
 - The disclosure of statements, conduct, or acts relating to sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression to military officials.

SECTION 11(2) – Residency Requirements

Language related to eligibility requirements for in-state resident tuition rates would be revised to include those who have had a “qualifying discharge” as defined in Section 4 and their spouses, domestic partners, and dependents.

The revised student categories are:

- A student who has separated or retired from the uniformed services with at least 10 years of service and at least 90 days of active duty service, with a qualifying discharge as defined in section 4 of this act;
- A student who is the spouse, state registered domestic partner, or child under the age of 26 years of an individual who has separated or retired from the uniformed services with at least 10 years of service and at least 90 days of active duty service, with a qualifying discharge as defined in section 4 of this act
- A student who has separated from the uniformed services who was discharged for a reason described in section 4(4) of this act;

SECTION 12 – Military Waivers

The definition of “eligible Veteran or National Guard Member” as it relates to tuition waivers would be revised to include those who have had a “qualifying discharge” as defined in Section 4.

“Eligible Veteran or National Guard Member means:

A Washington domiciliary who was an active or reserve member of the United States military or naval forces, or a National Guard member called to active duty, who served in active federal service, under either Title 10 or Title 32 of the United States Code, in a war or conflict fought on foreign soil or in international waters or in support of those serving on foreign soil or in international waters, and if discharged from service, has a qualifying discharge as defined in section 4.

II. B - Cash receipts Impact

Cash receipts impact of the legislation on the responding agency with the cash receipts provisions identified by section number and when appropriate, the detail of the revenue sources. Description of the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the cash receipts impact is derived. Explanation of how workload assumptions translate into estimates. Distinguished between one time and ongoing functions.

No cash receipts impact.

This bill would establish a definition for “qualifying discharge” for use in determining eligibility for various benefits for uniformed services members. These benefits include tuition waivers and eligibility for resident tuition rates.

The definition for “qualifying discharge” could expand the number of spouses, domestic partners and dependents that are eligible for resident tuition rates and tuition waivers. It is anticipated that the number of additional students qualifying for resident tuition and tuition waivers under the terms of the bill would be negligible.

II. C - Expenditures

Agency expenditures necessary to implement this legislation (or savings resulting from this legislation), with the provisions of the legislation that result in the expenditures (or savings) identified by section number. Description of the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the expenditure impact is derived. Explanation of how workload assumptions translate into cost estimates. Distinguished between one time and ongoing functions.

No expenditure impact.

Part III: Expenditure Detail

III. A - Operating Budget Expenditures

NONE

III. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

NONE

III. C - Operating FTE Detail: *FTEs listed by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals agree with total FTEs in Part I and Part IIIA.*

NONE

III. D - Expenditures By Program (optional)

NONE

Part IV: Capital Budget Impact

IV. A - Capital Budget Expenditures

NONE

IV. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

NONE

IV. C - Capital Budget Breakout

Acquisition and construction costs not reflected elsewhere on the fiscal note and description of potential financing methods.

NONE

IV. D - Capital FTE Detail: *FTEs listed by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals agree with total FTEs in Part IVB.*

NONE

Part V: New Rule Making Required

Provisions of the bill that require the agency to adopt new administrative rules or repeal/revise existing rules.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT FISCAL NOTE

Department of Commerce

Bill Number: 2014 HB

Title: Definition of veteran

Part I: Jurisdiction-Location, type or status of political subdivision defines range of fiscal impacts.

Legislation Impacts:

- Cities: Indeterminate staff costs for all cities.
- Counties: Indeterminate staff costs for all counties.
- Special Districts: Indeterminate staff costs for all special purpose districts.
- Specific jurisdictions only:
- Variance occurs due to:

Part II: Estimates

- No fiscal impacts.
- Expenditures represent one-time costs:
- Legislation provides local option:
- Key variables cannot be estimated with certainty at this time: Increase in staff workload; the number of newly eligible veterans that will apply for county financial assistance funding. The number of newly eligible claimants that will file for a property tax exemption grant.

Estimated revenue impacts to:

None

Estimated expenditure impacts to:

Non-zero but indeterminate cost and/or savings. Please see discussion.

Part III: Preparation and Approval

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Part IV: Analysis

A. SUMMARY OF BILL

Description of the bill with an emphasis on how it impacts local government.

The proposed legislation would allow veterans who are eligible for federal Department of Veterans Affairs monetary benefits to also be eligible for certain state benefits without regard to sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression. This bill amends several RCWs which describe scoring criteria used for civil service entrance examinations and the eligibility criteria used to approve or renew veterans' financial assistance, occupational licenses, business certifications, special license plates and property tax exemption claims.

Section 2 and 3 amend RCW 41.04.005 and RCW 41.004.007, respectively, to remove the definition of "veteran" based on honorable discharge or service to now include the definition of "veteran" with a qualifying discharge as listed in section 4 of this act and at least one of the service criteria listed in this section.

Section 4 is a new section added to chapter 73.04 RCW which provides the definition of "qualifying discharge" to be:

- A discharge with an honorable characterization of service.
- A discharge with a general under honorable conditions characterization of service.
- A discharge with an other than honorable characterization of service if the applicant provides a letter, administrative decision, or other documentation from the United States department of veterans affairs showing eligibility for or receipt of monetary benefits, such as disability compensation or nonservice-connected pension; or
- Any characterization of service if the reason for discharge was listed due to: (a) A person's sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression; (b) statements, consensual sexual conduct, or consensual acts relating to sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression; or (c) the disclosure of statements, conduct, or acts relating to sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression to military officials.

Section 8 adds a new section which repeals RCW 2.48.100.

Section 12 and 13 amend RCW 28B.15.621 and RCW 28B.102.020, respectively, to revise the definition of "eligible veteran or national guard member" to include the definition of a qualifying discharge as defined by this act.

Section 14 amends RCW 41.04.010 to require that the definition of "veteran" as defined by this act, to be applied to all veteran scoring criteria used in competitive state examinations for public offices, positions, or employment.

Section 16 amends RCW 41.08.040 to require that the definition of "veteran" as defined by this act, to be used in determining credits applied to fire department civil service entrance examinations.

Section 17 amends RCW 41.12.040 to require that the definition of "veteran" as defined by this act, to be used in determining credits applied to police department civil service entrance examinations.

Section 28 amends RCW 73.08.005 subsection (5) which replaces "honorable" discharge under the definition of "veteran" with a qualifying discharge as defined in section 4 of this act to be used in county programs which are administered with veterans' assistance funds.

Section 31 amends RCW 84.39.020 to revise the necessary documentation required for widows or widowers of veterans to file a property tax exemption claim with the department of revenue. These claims may be filed at county assessor's offices.

This legislation would take effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.

B. SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURE IMPACTS

Expenditure impacts of the legislation on local governments with the expenditure provisions identified by section number and when appropriate, the detail of expenditures. Delineated between city, county and special district impacts.

This legislation would have an indeterminate expenditure impact on local governments.

It can be assumed that local governments will incur staff and training costs necessary to update human resource policies and examination procedures. These costs will vary by jurisdiction and are indeterminate.

WDVA estimates that up to 37,760 veterans would be newly eligible under this proposal. This bill will remove the discretion counties are currently allowed to determine eligibility for veterans' assistance funds. For example, the Washington State Association of Counties (WSAC) reports that Whatcom County currently refers veterans who are experiencing homelessness and do not have an honorable discharge to the federally funded Supportive Services for Veterans Program (SSVF). This allows Whatcom County to have more assistance to house honorably discharged veterans. County data tracked by the Opportunity Council, based in Whatcom County, indicates a 20% increase in the number of veterans experiencing homelessness. In 2023, Whatcom County spent \$100,000 for 35 honorably discharged veterans. Whatcom County has budgeted \$100,000 for 2024 as well. A 20% increase will reduce the amount available for each veteran to approximately \$2,000 which is not enough to pay for a housing deposit in Whatcom County, according to county officials.

County assessors and treasurers may incur staff costs related to processing an unknown number of property tax exemption claims for newly eligible applicants. These costs are indeterminate.

C. SUMMARY OF REVENUE IMPACTS

Revenue impacts of the legislation on local governments, with the revenue provisions identified by section number, and when appropriate, the detail of revenue sources. Delineated between city, county and special district impacts.

This legislation would not impact local government revenues.

SOURCES

Association of Washington Cities
Washington State Association of Counties
WDVA SB 5871 Assumptions
Department of Revenue fiscal note (SB 5871)

Individual State Agency Fiscal Note

Bill Number: 2014 HB	Title: Definition of veteran	Agency: SDF-School District Fiscal Note - SPI
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Part I: Estimates

No Fiscal Impact

Estimated Cash Receipts to:

NONE

Estimated Operating Expenditures from:

NONE

Estimated Capital Budget Impact:

NONE

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Part II: Narrative Explanation

II. A - Brief Description Of What The Measure Does That Has Fiscal Impact

Significant provisions of the bill and any related workload or policy assumptions that have revenue or expenditure impact on the responding agency by section number.

Section 1 (New Section)

Intent section. The legislature intends to align the federal and state definition of “veteran”, expand state veterans’ benefits, and create eligibility for state benefits for veterans who were separated with less than honorable characterizations of service due solely to sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression or actions or statements related to sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression, regardless of characterization of service.

Section 2 (Amended)

Amends RCW 41.04.005 and 2023 c 18 s 1 regarding the definition of “veteran” for certain purposes as used in this section and in RCW 41.16.220, 41.20.050, and 41.40.170.

Section 2(1):

- Language removed indicating that a “veteran” includes every person, who has received an honorable discharge, is actively service honorably, or received a discharge for physical reasons with an honorable record.
- Language added indicating that a “veteran” includes every person who has received a qualifying discharge as defined in section 4 of the act.

Section 3 (Amended)

- Amends RCW 41.04.007 and 2017 c 97 s 1 regarding the definition of “veteran” for certain purposes as used in this section and RCW 46.18.212, 46.18.235, 72.36.030, 41.04.010, 73.04.090, or 43.180.250.
- Language removed indicating that a “veteran” includes every person who has received an honorable discharge, received a discharge for medical reasons with an honorable record, where applicable, or is in receipt of the United States department of defense discharge document DD form 214, NGB form 22, or their equivalent or successor discharge paperwork, that characterizes his or her serve as honorable.
- Language added to reference a “veteran” as every person who has received a qualifying discharge as defined in section 4 of the act.

Section 4 (New Section)

For purposes of RCW 9.46.070, 28A.230.120, 28B.15.012, 28B.15.621, 28B.102.020, 41.04.005, 41.04.007, 41.04.010, 41.06.133, 41.08.040, 41.12.040, 43.24.130, 43.70.270, 46.18.270, 46.18.280, 46.20.161, 72.36.030, 73.08.005, and 77.32.480, provides a meaning for qualifying discharge to include:

- A discharge with an honorable characterization of service;
- A discharge with a general under honorable conditions characterization of service;
- A discharge with an other than honorable characterization of service if the applicant provides a letter, administrative decision, or other documentation from the United States department of veterans affairs showing eligibility for or receipt of monetary benefits; or
- Any characterization of service if the reason for discharge was listed as due to:
 - o A person's sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression;
 - o Statements, consensual sexual conduct, or consensual acts relating to sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression; or
 - o The disclosure of statements, conduct, or acts relating to sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression to military officials.

Section 5 (New Section)

Requires the Department of Veterans Affairs to develop and implement an outreach program by the effective date of this section to ensure that veterans as defined in RCW 41.04.005 and 41.04.007 are aware of state veterans’ benefits and programs.

Section 6 (Amended)

Amends RCW 2.48.070 and 1945 c 181 s 1 regarding the admission of veterans who have graduated from any accredited law school and after graduation serviced in the armed forces of the United States of America between December 7, 1941, and the termination of the present World War, may be admitted to the practice of law in the state of Washington and to membership in the Washington State Bar Association, upon motion made before the supreme court of the state of Washington.

Section 6(3):

- Removes the word “honorably”.
- Language added indicating that an applicant’s service is satisfactory if he or she meets the definition of “veteran” under RCW 41.04.007.

Section 7 (Amended)

Amends RCW 2.48.090 and 2011 c 336 s 64 regarding the requirements of an applicant applying to practice law in the state of Washington and is no longer in the armed forces of the United States.

Section 7(1):

- Removes the words “an honorably discharge”.
- Language added indicating that if an applicant applies to practice law in the state of Washington and has been an enlisted person, they may establish the requirement of the proviso in RCW 2.48.070 by producing documentation that he or she is a veteran as defined by RCW 41.04.007.

Section 7(2):

- Language removed regarding an officer being relieved from active duty under circumstances other than dishonorable.
- Language added indicating that if an applicant applies to practice law in the state of Washington and has been an officer, they produce documentation that he or she is a veteran as defined by RCW 41.04.007.

Section 8 (New Section)

Repeals RCW 2.48.100 (Admission of veterans – Effect of disability discharge) and 1945 c 181 s 4.

Section 9 (Amended)

Amends RCW 9.46.070 and 2020 c 127 s 3 regarding the powers and duties of the Gambling Commission.

Section 9(20):

- Removes the word “honorably”.
- Language added indicating that the commission may renew the license of every person who applies for renewal within six months after being discharged, removed, or released from active military service in the armed forces of the United States with a qualifying discharge as defined in section 4 of this act.

Section 10 (Amended)

Amends RCW 28A.230.120 and 2022 c 224 s 2 regarding high school diplomas.

Section 10(3)(a)(i):

- Removes the words “an honorably discharged member”.
- Language added indicating a school district may issue a high school diploma to a person who is a veteran of the armed forces of the United States with a qualifying discharge as defined in section 4 of this act.

Section 11 (Amended)

Amends RCW 28B.15.012 and 2022 c 249 s 1 regarding definitions for the classification as a resident or nonresident students in college and universities.

Section 11(2)(l):

- Removes the word “honorable”.
- Modifies the meaning of a “resident student” to include a student who has separated or retired from the uniformed services with at least 10 years of service and at least 90 days of active duty service, with a qualifying discharge as defined in section 4 of this act, and who enters an institution of higher education in Washington within three years of the date of separation or retirement.

Section 11(2)(m):

- Removes the word “honorable”.
- Modifies the meaning of a “resident student” to include a student who is the spouse, state registered domestic partner, or child under the age of 26 years of an individual who has separated or retired from the uniformed services with at least 10 years of service and at least 90 days of active duty service, with a qualifying discharge as defined in section 4 of this act, and who enters an institution of higher education in Washington within three years of the service member's date of separation or retirement.

Section 11(2)(n):

- Language removed regarding a student who has separated from the uniformed services who was discharged due to the student’s sexual orientation or gender identity or expression.
- Modifies the meaning of a “resident student” to include a student who separated from the uniformed service who was discharged for a reason described in section 4(4) of this act.

Section 11(3)(b): Language added indicating that nothing in subsection (2)(k), (l), (m), or (o) of this section applies to students who have had a bad conduct discharge and officer dismissal, or dishonorable discharge from the uniformed services, or to students who are the spouse or child of an individual who have had a bad conduct discharge and officer dismissal, or dishonorable discharge from the uniformed services, unless the student is receiving veterans administration educational assistance benefits.

Section 12 (Amended)

Amends RCW 28B.15.621 and 2022 c 45 s 1 regarding tuition waivers and textbook stipends for veterans and national guard members and dependents.

Section 12(8)(b): Modifies the definition of a “eligible veteran or national guard member”.

Section 13 (Amended)

Amends RCW 28B.102.020 and 2019 c 295 s 211 regarding the definitions of the educator conditional scholarship and repayment programs.

Section 13(5): Modifies the definition of a “eligible veteran or national guard member”.

Section 14 (Amended)

Amends RCW 41.04.010 and 2017 c 97 s 2 regarding veterans’ scoring criteria status in examinations.

Section 14(4)(a):

- Language removed indicating that all veterans’ scoring criteria may be claimed upon release from active military with an honorable discharge or a discharge for medical reasons with an honorable record, where applicable.
- Language added indicating that all veterans’ scoring criteria may be claimed upon release from active military with a qualifying discharge as defined in section 4 of this act.

Section 14(4)(b):

- Removes the words “service and honorable”.

- Language added indicating that all veterans' scoring criteria may be claimed upon receipt of the United States Department of Defense discharge document DD form 214, NGB form 22 or their equivalent or successor discharge paperwork, that characterizes his or her discharge as a qualifying discharge as defined in section 4 of this act.

Section 15 (Amended)

Amends RCW 41.06.133 and 2023 c 148 s 1 regarding the rules of the director of the Personnel Administration.

Section 15(1)(m):

- Language removed indicating that a "veteran" has received an honorable discharge, a discharge for physical reasons with an honorable record, or a release from active military service with evidence of service other than that for which an undesirable, bad conduct, or dishonorable discharge shall be given.
- Modifies the definition of "veteran" for purposes of this section, as any person who has received a qualifying discharge as defined in section 4 of the act.

Section 16 (Amended)

Amends RCW 41.08.040 and 1993 c 47 s 4 regarding the organization of the Civil Service for City Firefighters.

Section 16(3):

- Removes the word "honorably".
- Expands the rules and regulations adopted by the commission to include those with a qualifying discharge as defined in section 4 of this act.

Section 17 (Amended)

Amends RCW 41.12.040 and 1993 c 47 s 5 regarding the organization of the Civil Service for City Police.

Section 17(3):

- Removes the word "honorably".
- Expands the rules and regulations adopted by the commission to include those with a qualifying discharge as defined in section 4 of this act.

Section 18 (Amended)

Amends RCW 43.24.130 and 2012 c 45 s 1 regarding the Department of Licensing's license moratoriums for persons in service.

Section 18(1):

- Removes the word "honorably".
- Expands the regulations by the director, board, or commission to include those with a qualifying discharge as defined in section 4 of this act.

Section 19 (Amended)

Amends RCW 43.60A.190 and 2017 c 185 s 7 regarding certified veteran-owned businesses.

Section 19(2)(a)(i):

- Language removed requiring a person who at the time he or she seeks certification has received a discharge for medical reasons with an honorable record, where applicable, and who has served in at least one of the capacities listed.
- Language added to include a person who at the time he or she seeks certification is a veteran as defined in RCW 41.04.007.

Section 20 (Amended):

Amends RCW 43.70.270 and 2012 c 45 s 2 regarding the Department of Health's license moratoriums for persons in service.

Section 20(1):

- Removes the word “honorably”.
- Language added indicating that the secretary shall renew the license of every such person who applies for renewal thereof within six months after being discharged from service with a qualifying discharge as defined in section 4 of this act.

Section 20(2):

- Removes the word “honorably”.
- Language added indicating that the secretary shall return to active status the license of every such person who applies for renewal thereof within six months after the service member is discharged from service with a qualifying discharge as defined in section 4 of this act.

Section 21 (Amended)

Amends RCW 46.18.270 and 2011 c 332 s 7 regarding Pearl Harbor survivor license plates.

Section 21(1)(d):

- Removes the words “an honorable”.
- Expands the requirements for registered owners who have survived the attack on Pearl Harbor and apply to the department for special license plates to include those who have received a qualifying discharge, as defined in section 4 of this act, from the United States armed forces.

Section 22 (Amended)

Amends RCW 46.18.280 and 2019 c 139 s 1 regarding Purple Heart license plates.

Section 22(1)(c)

- Removes the words “an honorable”.
- Expands the requirements for registered owners who have been awarded a Purple Heart medal by any branch of the United States armed forces and apply to the department for special license plates to include those who have received a qualifying discharge, as defined in section 4 of this act, from the United States armed forces.

Section 23 (Amended)

Amends RCW 46.18.295 and 2012 c 69 s 1 regarding veterans and military personnel emblems.

Section 23(1):

- Language removed indicating that veterans discharged under honorable conditions (veterans) and individuals serving on active duty in the United States armed forces may purchase a veterans remembrance emblem, campaign medal emblem, or military service award emblem.

Section 23(2): For purposes of this section, provides definitions of “active duty military personnel” and “veteran”.

Section 23(6)(b)(i): Expands the requirements to veterans and active duty military personnel requesting a veteran remembrance emblem, campaign medal emblem, or military service award emblem to including providing a DD-214 or discharge papers, as well as necessary documentation to prove eligibility as a veteran with an other than honorable characterization of service.

Section 24 (Amended)

Amends RCW 46.20.027 and 2002 c 292 s 3 regarding armed forces, dependents. Removes the word “honorably”.

Section 25 (Amended)

Amends RCW 46.20.161 and 2021 c 158 s 7 regarding a veterans’ self-attestation of a medical alert designation, developmental disability designation, or deafness designation with the Department of Licensing.

Section 25(4)(a)(ii) and (iii):

- Language removed indicating that a veteran or individual who otherwise meets the criteria of RCW 41.04.007 but who has received a general discharge under honorable conditions, may apply to the department to obtain a veteran designation on a driver's license if they provide paperwork that shows a discharge status of "honorable" or "general under honorable conditions".
- Language added indicating that a veteran or individual who otherwise meets the criteria of RCW 41.04.007 but who has received a general discharge under honorable conditions, may apply to the department to obtain a veteran designation on a driver's license if they provide paperwork that shows a qualifying discharge as defined in section 4 of this act.

Section 25(b):

- Language removed allowing the department to permit an individual who otherwise meets the criteria of RCW 41.04.007 but who has received a general discharge under honorable conditions to submit alternate forms of documentation to apply to obtain a veteran designation of a driver's license.
- Language removed requiring that a veteran designation on a driver's license be specified by rule, that requires a discharge status of "honorable" or "general under honorable conditions" and that establishes the person's service as required under RCW 41.04.007.

Section 26 (Amended)

Amends RCW 72.36.030 and 2014 c 184 s 3 regarding admission to a state veterans' home and applying for federal and state benefits.

Section 26(1)(a):

- Removes the words "honorably discharged", "of a branch", and "armed forces".
- Language added to include all veterans of the uniformed services of the United States merchant marines who meet the discharge requirements under RCW 41.04.007 or are eligible for medical care provided by the United States department of veterans affairs.

Section 26(2)(a):

- Removes the words "honorably discharged" and "armed forces".
- Language added indicating that spouses or domestic partners of all veterans of the United States uniformed services with a qualifying discharge as defined in section 4 of this act may be admitted to a state veterans' home under rules as may be adopted by the director of the department.

Section 27 (New Section)

Repeals RCW 73.04.042 (Honorable discharge recorded – Veterans of Spanish-American War and World War I) and 1923 c 17 s 1 & 1919 c 86 s 1.

Section 28 (Amended)

Amends RCW 73.08.005 and 2017 c 185 s 9 regarding definitions of veterans' and veterans' affairs.

Section 28(5)(a)(i)(A):

- Removes the words "an honorable discharge".
- Modifies the criteria for the definition of "veteran" to include an eligible person serving on active duty for at least one hundred eighty days and who was released with a qualifying discharge as defined in section 4 of this act.

Section 28(5)(a)(i)(B):

- Removes the words "an honorable or general under honorable characterization of service".
- Modifies the criteria for the definition of "veteran" to include an eligible person who received a qualifying discharge as defined in section 4 of this act with a medical reason for separation for a condition listed as non-existed prior to service, regardless of number of days served.

Section 28(5)(a)(i)(C):

- Removes the words “an honorable discharge”.
- Modifies the criteria for the definition of “veteran” to include an eligible person who received a qualifying discharge as defined in section 4 of this act and has received a rating for a service connected disability from the United States department of veterans affairs regardless of the number of days serviced.

Section 28(5)(a)(iii):

- Removes the words “an honorable discharge”.
- Modifies the criteria for the definition of “veteran” to include a former member of the armed forces reserve or national guard who has fulfilled his or her initial military service obligation and was released with a qualifying discharge as defined in section 4 of this act.

Section 29 (Amended)

Amends RCW 73.16.120 and 2015 c 57 s 2 regarding the veteran employment demonstration campaign.

Section 29(4):

- Removes the words “means any veteran discharged under honorable conditions”.
- For the purposes of this section, modifies the definition for “veteran” to the definition given in RCW 41.04.007.

Section 30 (Amended)

Amends RCW 77.32.480 and 2016 c 78 s 1 regarding reduced rate licenses.

Section 30(1)(a) and (b):

- Removes the words “is an honorably discharged veteran of”, “having”, and “with”.
- Modifies the requirements to receive a reduced rate combination fishing license and hunting license for individuals who are a resident sixty-five years old or older who has a qualifying discharge, as defined in section 4 of this act, from the United States armed forces and has a service-connected disability and a resident to has a qualifying discharge, as defined in section 4 of this act, from the United States armed forces and has a thirty percent or more service-connected disability.

Section 31 (Amended)

Amends RCW 84.39.020 and 2020 c 139 s 54 regarding filing claims for tax exemptions.

Section 31(3)(a):

- Removes the words “be under honorable conditions”.
- Modifies the document requirements that a claimant must submit when filing a claim for tax exemptions to include the deceased veteran’s DD 214 report of separation, or its equivalent, that must show qualification as a veteran under RCW 41.04.007. If the deceased veteran had an other than honorable characterization of service, the following is also required: (i) Proof that the decedent was, at any point, eligible for or received federal department of veterans affairs monetary benefits; or (ii) proof that the decedent’s survivor is eligible for or has received deferral department of veterans affairs monetary survivor benefits.

II. B - Cash receipts Impact

Cash receipts impact of the legislation on the responding agency with the cash receipts provisions identified by section number and when appropriate, the detail of the revenue sources. Description of the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the cash receipts impact is derived. Explanation of how workload assumptions translate into estimates. Distinguished between one time and ongoing functions.

No cash receipts impact anticipated.

II. C - Expenditures

Agency expenditures necessary to implement this legislation (or savings resulting from this legislation), with the provisions of the legislation that result in the expenditures (or savings) identified by section number. Description of the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the expenditure impact is derived. Explanation of how workload assumptions translate into cost estimates. Distinguished between one time and ongoing functions.

There is little to no school district expenditure impact anticipated. This bill does not add any additional requirements to school districts. HB 2014 expands the definition of veterans eligible for state services to include those who received a qualifying discharge. Currently, school districts may issue high school diplomas to persons who are an honorably discharged student. This bill expands those eligible to persons with a qualifying discharge.

Part III: Expenditure Detail

III. A - Operating Budget Expenditures

NONE

III. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

NONE

III. C - Operating FTE Detail: *FTEs listed by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals agree with total FTEs in Part I and Part IIIA.*

NONE

III. D - Expenditures By Program (optional)

NONE

Part IV: Capital Budget Impact

IV. A - Capital Budget Expenditures

NONE

IV. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

NONE

IV. C - Capital Budget Breakout

Acquisition and construction costs not reflected elsewhere on the fiscal note and description of potential financing methods.

NONE

IV. D - Capital FTE Detail: *FTEs listed by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals agree with total FTEs in Part IVB.*

NONE

No capital budget impact anticipated.

Part V: New Rule Making Required

Provisions of the bill that require the agency to adopt new administrative rules or repeal/revise existing rules.