

**Bills Considered for Recommendation by the Joint Committee on
Veterans' and Military Affairs**

	Title	Description
3-A	Corrections to the law regarding adoption petitions (Rep. Kelley)	-Changes the term "soldiers and sailors" to "servicemembers" to be consistent with federal law.
3-B	Military improvement zones (Rep. Kelley, HB 1756 from 2009)	-Creates a Military Improvement Zone Account in the State Treasury into which sales and use tax revenues related to affordable housing construction are deposited and distributed to pay for public infrastructure related to the development of such housing. -Directs the Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development to implement a pilot Military Improvement Zone Program within specified areas of the state.
3-C	Concerning the Washington soldiers' home (DVA Request Legislation)	-Authorizes the DVA to work with public or private entities on projects to make the best use of the property and facilities at the soldiers' homes. -Stipulates that long-term leases of soldiers' home property are subject to the requirements of RCW 43.82.010 (Acquisition, lease, and disposal of real estate for state agencies), except that leases may run for up to 75 years.
3-D	Relating to disposition of remains of persons who died while serving on active duty (Rep. Kelley)	-Stipulates that the person named on the DD Form 93 shall be authorized to direct disposition of the decedent who died while serving on active duty.
3-E	In-state tuition for active military stationed in Washington (Rep. Orcutt)	-Allows for in-state tuition for a student who is on active military duty and stationed or residing in the state, or the spouse or dependent of a person on military duty and stationed or residing in the state.
3-F	Veterans lay-off and re-employment rights (Rep. Kelley, Sen. Carrell)	-Allows for service credit to be considered when determining lay-off and re-employment of veterans and the surviving spouses of veterans.
3-G	Veterans scoring criteria (Rep. Campbell)	-Changes the scoring preference for veterans who served during a period of war or armed conflict and who are receiving military retirement from five percent to 10 percent.
3-H	Military leave for public employees (Military Department request legislation)	-A public employee shall receive military leave only for the days that employee is scheduled to work.
3-I	Veterans and Overseas Voters (Secretary of State request legislation)	-Allows a military or overseas voter to return a ballot by fax or email as long as the signed declaration accompanies the ballot. -Allows a military or overseas voter to request to receive all future ballots by fax, email, or other electronic means. -Requires the ballot instructions to explain how the voter may contact the Auditor's Office to confirm that his or her ballot was received. -Clarifies that a voter may register, request a ballot, or transmit a ballot using forms and methods provided by the Department of Defense or the Election Assistance Commission.