

SENATE BILL REPORT

SHB 2181

As of February 14, 2012

Title: An act relating to extending the age for service in the Washington state guard.

Brief Description: Extending the age for service in the Washington state guard.

Sponsors: House Committee on State Government & Tribal Affairs (originally sponsored by Representatives Dammeier, Orwall, Bailey, Finn, McCune, Sullivan, Klippert, Hudgins, Hope, Hunt, Taylor, Jinkins, Ladenburg, Hansen, Ryu, Maxwell, Asay, Kelley, Kenney, Hurst and Shea).

Brief History: Passed House: 1/23/12, 95-0.

Committee Activity: Government Operations, Tribal Relations & Elections:

SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS, TRIBAL RELATIONS & ELECTIONS

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Background: The Washington State Guard (Guard) is a military organization available to serve the Governor in the event that the National Guard in the state of Washington is called into federal service. The Governor may also call the Guard into state service in other instances, such as in the wake of a natural disaster.

The period of enlistment in the Guard is set by regulation by the Adjutant General. However, no enlistment may be fulfilled unless the term of service can be completed before the applicant reaches age 64.

Summary of Bill: The Adjutant General may extend the service age upon request by an active member of the Guard if the Adjutant General determines the member's extension would be in the best interest of the Guard. Extensions are for a one-year duration and may be renewed until the member attains age 68.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Committee/Commission/Task Force Created: No.

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Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.