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By House Government Operations & Elections (originally sponsored by Representatives O'Ban, Angel, Hayes, Green, Zeiger, Bergquist, Johnson, Ryu, Morrell, and Shea)

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1 AN ACT Relating to a veteran's preference for the purpose of public
2 employment; and amending RCW 41.04.010.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 41.04.010 and 2009 c 248 s 1 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 In all competitive examinations, unless otherwise provided in this
7 section, to determine the qualifications of applicants for public
8 offices, positions, or employment, either the state, and all of its
9 political subdivisions and all municipal corporations, or private
10 companies or agencies contracted with by the state to give the
11 competitive examinations shall give a scoring criteria status to all
12 veterans as defined in RCW 41.04.007, by adding to the passing mark,
13 grade or rating only, based upon a possible rating of one hundred
14 points as perfect a percentage in accordance with the following:

15 (1) Ten percent to a veteran who served during a period of war or
16 in an armed conflict as defined in RCW 41.04.005 and does not receive
17 military retirement. The percentage shall be added to the passing
18 mark, grade, or rating of competitive examinations until the veteran's

1 first appointment. The percentage shall not be utilized in promotional
2 examinations;

3 (2) Five percent to a veteran who did not serve during a period of
4 war or in an armed conflict as defined in RCW 41.04.005 or is receiving
5 military retirement. The percentage shall be added to the passing
6 mark, grade, or rating of competitive examinations until the veteran's
7 first appointment. The percentage shall not be utilized in promotional
8 examinations;

9 (3) Five percent to a veteran who was called to active military
10 service from employment with the state or any of its political
11 subdivisions or municipal corporations. The percentage shall be added
12 to promotional examinations until the first promotion only;

13 (4) All veterans' scoring criteria may be claimed upon release from
14 active military service or upon receipt of separation orders indicating
15 an honorable discharge, issued by the respective military department.

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