

## **SB 184 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

### **Senate Committee On Veterans and Emergency Preparedness**

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#### **WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Allows job applicants to satisfy the eligibility requirement of separation from military service under honorable conditions, with certification that separation from service is expected within 120 days, in order to claim veterans' preference in public employment. Replaces reference to "preference" points with "percentage" points.

#### **ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Public Employment application scoring
- Description of preference points
- Definitions of disabled veteran

#### **EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

Eligible veterans receive preference in public employment at state and federal levels, in recognition of the potential economic sacrifices and civilian career delays that may result from their service in the Armed Forces. The preference seeks to restore veterans to a competitive position in public employment and to acknowledge the greater obligation owed to disabled veterans. Currently, in order for the preference to apply, an eligible veteran must have been discharged under honorable conditions.

Senate Bill 184 modifies eligibility requirements to claim veterans preference in public employment by allowing otherwise eligible veterans to certify that they expect to be discharged under honorable conditions within 120 days.