

SENATE VETERANS COMMITTEE
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SENATE MEASURES

SB 106 Monning *California Central Coast State Veterans Cemetery at Fort Ord Endowment Fund*

Existing law creates the California Central Coast State Veterans Cemetery at Fort Ord Endowment Fund (Endowment Fund) in the State Treasury, and requires moneys in the Endowment Fund to be allocated, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to the department for the annual administrative and oversight costs of the veterans cemetery, as specified, and to generate funding through interest for the Veteran's cemetery. Existing law provides that the Endowment Fund may consist of, among other things, donations from public and private entities and fees. Existing law authorizes the department to enter into any financial agreement to receive cash advances in the Endowment Fund, provided that no obligations of repayment are made to the state and the agreement is reviewed and performed in consultation with the Department of Finance. This bill would instead authorize the department to enter into any financial agreement to receive cash advances in the Endowment Fund, provided that the agreement does not require the state to repay or make payments on cash advances and that the agreement is reviewed and approved by the Department of Finance. ((Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 41, Statutes of 2013))

SB 134 Hueso *CalFresh eligibility*

This bill would require participating counties to defer from the CalFresh E&T program a person who is currently serving in the United States Armed Forces or is a veteran who has been honorably discharged from the United States Armed Forces. The bill would require a veteran applying for CalFresh benefits who is required to register to work, but who is exempt from mandatory placement in the CalFresh E&T program, to be provided with a referral to local veterans' assistance and job training agencies and given the opportunity to participate as a volunteer in CalFresh E&T if the county participates. By requiring counties to offer referral services to veterans, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program. ((Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 283, Statutes of 2013))

SB 157 Knight *National Guard*

Existing law authorizes the Adjutant General to take specified actions with respect to state armories, including leasing or otherwise authorizing the use of all armories for any lawful purpose, and requires all revenues or income from any armory to be paid into the Armory Discretionary Improvement Account in the General Fund. This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to this provision. ((Senate Rules - Died))

SB 237 Calderon *High school diplomas: retroactive high school diplomas: veterans*

Existing law authorizes a high school district, unified school district, or county office of education to retroactively grant a high school diploma to veterans of World War II, the Korean War, or the Vietnam War, under specified conditions. Existing law also defines "veteran" for the purpose of retroactive high school diplomas. This bill would make those provisions applicable to all veterans, and would revise the definition of veteran for purposes of those provisions to include, among other things, service in humanitarian missions. ((Assembly Veterans Affairs))

SB 276 Roth *Public contracts: small business contracts*

The Small Business Procurement and Contract Act permits a state agency to award a contract for goods, services, or information technology with a value of between \$5,000 and \$250,000 to a certified small business, including a microbusiness, or to a disabled veteran business enterprise, without complying with specified competitive bidding requirements. This bill would increase the upper limit of the value of those contracts to \$500,000. ((Senate Appropriations - Died))

SB 290 Knight *Nonresident tuition exemption: veterans*

Existing law exempts a community college student who was a member of the Armed Forces of the United States stationed in this state on active duty for more than one year immediately prior to being discharged from paying nonresident tuition for up to one year if he or she files an affidavit with the community college stating that he or she intends to establish residency in California as soon as possible, if that student uses this exemption within 2 years of being discharged. Existing law prohibits a former member of the Armed Forces who received a dishonorable or bad conduct discharge from receiving this exemption. This bill would make this one-year exemption from payment of nonresident tuition applicable to a student enrolled, or intending to enroll, at a campus of the California Community Colleges, California State University, or University of California who was a member of the Armed Forces of the United States stationed in this state on active duty for more than one year immediately prior to being discharged if he or she files an affidavit with the institution at which he or she is enrolled or intends to enroll, stating that he or she intends to establish residency in California as soon as possible, and uses this exemption within 2 years of being discharged. ((Enrolled to Governor 9/19/2013))

SB 296 Correa *County veterans service officers*

Existing law requires funds to be disbursed each fiscal year on a pro rata basis to counties that have established and maintained a county veterans service officer in accordance with the staffing level and workload of each county veterans service officer, under a specified formula. This bill would appropriate the sum of \$9,000,000 from the General Fund to the Department of Veterans Affairs for the disbursement to counties to fund the activities of county veterans service officers and veterans service organizations as specified. ((Senate Appropriations - Died))

SB 297 Roth *Public contracts: disabled veterans*

Existing law requires a state agency, department, officer, or other state governmental entity, to meet an annual statewide participation goal of not less than 3% for disabled veteran business enterprises for specified contracts entered into by the awarding department during the year. This bill would increase that participation goal to 5%. ((Assembly – Jobs, Economic Development and the Economy))

SB 354 Roth *Department of Veterans Affairs: monitoring outcomes for veterans: Director of Employment Development: disclosure of information*

Existing law establishes the Department of Veterans Affairs, which is responsible for administering various programs and services for the benefit of veterans. This bill would require the Department of Veterans Affairs to develop outcome and related indicators for veterans, for the purpose of assessing the status of veterans in California, for monitoring the quality of programs intended to serve those veterans, and to guide decision making on how to improve those services. This bill would require the department to report to the Senate and Assembly Committees on Veterans Affairs all of the outcome

and related indicators developed by the department, recommendations on ways to establish a system for monitoring those indicators on a continual basis, and any regulatory or fiscal barriers that may hinder future progress on the development of a monitoring system, as provided. ((Assembly – Veterans Affairs))

SB 358 Corbett *Military leave: domestic partner*

Existing law requires an employer to give a qualified employee, as defined, including the spouse of a qualified member of the Armed Forces or state militia, up to 10 days of unpaid leave during a period of military conflict, as defined. This bill would also include the domestic partner of a qualified member of the Armed Forces or state militia within the definition of a qualified employee for purposes of obtaining unpaid leave under these provisions. ((Senate Veterans Affairs - Died))

SB 382 Roth *Veterans' benefits: Department of Veterans Affairs*

Existing law requires the Department of Veterans Affairs to provide various benefits to veterans. This bill would require the Department of Veterans Affairs to create a California Veterans Leadership Program to connect returning veterans of military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan with employment, housing, and mental health resources and tools, as specified. ((Senate Veterans Affairs - Died))

SB 437 Berryhill. *Disabled veterans: contracting preferences*

Existing law requires contracts awarded by state agencies for construction, professional services, materials, supplies, equipment, alteration, repair, or improvement to have a 3% participation goal for disabled veterans enterprises, as defined. This bill would make a technical, nonsubstantive change to that provision. ((Senate Rules - Died))

SB 719 Correa *Department of Veterans Affairs: California Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise Program reports*

Existing law requires the Department of Finance, the Controller, the Treasurer, and the Department of General Services to collaboratively develop, implement, utilize, maintain, and operate the Financial Information System for California (FISCAL) as a single integrated financial management system for the state, as specified. Existing law requires the FISCAL system to be implemented in all state departments and agencies in a series of waves, first to be developed and used in partnership with a select number of departments. This bill would require an awarding department under the program that uses the FISCAL system to, commencing with the first reporting period after the implementation of the FISCAL system at the awarding department, report its statewide participation goals for disabled veteran business enterprises in the overall dollar amount expended each year by the awarding department to the Department of General Services. ((Assembly Appropriations))

SB 720 Correa *Military service: benefits*

Existing law authorizes a service member to apply to the court for relief of an obligation, liability, tax, or assessment, as specified. Existing law authorizes, in the case of an obligation payable under its terms in installments under a contract for the purchase of real estate, or secured by a mortgage or other instrument, as specified, a stay of the enforcement of the obligation during the applicant's period of military service and, from the date of termination of the period of military service or from the date of

the application if made after the service, for a period equal to the period of the remaining life of the installment contract or other instrument plus a period of time equal to the period of military service of the applicant or any part of the combined period, as specified. This bill would instead authorize, in the case of an obligation payable under its terms in installments under a contract for the purchase of real estate, or secured by a mortgage or other instrument, a deferment of the payments *due* on the obligation during *for a period of time equal to* the service member's period of military service, or should the service member request such relief after the start of his or her current period of military service, or within 6 months thereafter, a deferment of such payments for a period of time equal to the period of military service starting from the date of application, as specified. The bill would prohibit penalties from being imposed on the nonpayment of principal or interest during this period and interest from being charged or accumulated on the principal or interest on which the payment was delayed. The bill would also prohibit foreclosure or repossession of property on which payment has been deferred, as specified. The bill would require mortgage payments deferred during this period to be due and payable upon the occurrence of specified conditions. The bill would provide that a service member with a mortgage subject to an impound account for the payment of property taxes, special assessments, and certain insurance shall not be relieved from making monthly payments, as specified, and that a service member shall not be precluded from making payments toward mortgage payments deferred, as specified. ((Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 220, Statutes of 2013))

SB 722 Correa *California Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise Program*

Existing law encourages state agencies entering into contracts to establish goals to facilitate the participation of disabled veteran business enterprises, and establishes the California Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise Program for this purpose. Existing law defines "disabled veteran," for purposes of that program, as a veteran of the military, naval, or air service of the United States, as specified, who has at least 10% service-connected disability and who is domiciled in the state. This bill would define "disabled veteran," for purposes of that program, as a veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States, as specified, who has a service-connected disability, as documented by a letter from any branch of the United States Armed Forces or the federal Department of Veterans Affairs, and who is domiciled in the state. ((Senate Unfinished Business))

SB 723 Correa *Veterans*

Existing law requires the Employment Development Department, in consultation and coordination with veterans' organizations and veteran service providers, to research the needs of veterans throughout the state and develop a profile of veterans' employment and training needs and to seek federal funding for those purposes. This bill would require the Employment Development Department and the Department of Consumer Affairs, on or before January 1, 2015, jointly to present a report to the Legislature containing best practices by state governments around the nation in facilitating the credentialing of veterans by using their documented military education and experience. ((Vetoed))

SB 725 Anderson *Veterans buildings and memorials: county and city property: veterans service organizations: retrofit and remodel*

Under existing law, a county may not revoke the dedication of specified facilities to a veterans' association, so long as the veterans' association has not violated the terms and conditions of the dedication, unless it dedicates substitute facilities or unless the veterans' organization has either consented to the proposed county action or has abandoned its use of the facilities. This bill would extend this law to cities and a city and county. This bill would also provide that a property is not

considered abandoned if the veterans association or veterans service organization is required to move from the property in order for the property to undergo seismic retrofitting or remodeling, and that the veterans association or veterans service organization is to be allowed to return to its previous space in the property upon completion of any retrofit or remodeling. ((Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 697, Statutes of 2013))

SB 733 Block *State contracts: disabled veteran business enterprise statewide participation goals: business utilization plan value*

Existing law establishes a 3% statewide participation goal for disabled veteran business enterprises for certain types of state contracts. Existing law requires an awarding department to award the contract to the lowest responsible bidder meeting specified statewide participation goals for disabled veteran business enterprises, and allows an awarding department to accept submission of a disabled veteran business enterprise utilization plan meeting certain requirements to meet this goal, as specified. This bill would delete the provisions allowing the awarding department to accept submission of a disabled veteran business enterprise utilization plan. The bill would instead specify that the statewide participation goal for disabled veteran business enterprises may be met by the business utilization plan value of a business utilization plan partner, as defined, established by payments between the partner and a disabled veteran business enterprise, as specified. The bill would require the Department of General Services to certify persons meeting certain requirements as a business utilization plan partner, as defined, and would require a business utilization plan partner and a disabled veteran business enterprise to report information relating to the business utilization plan value, as provided. ((Assembly – Jobs, Economic Development and the Economy))

SB 759 Nielsen *Firearms: California State Military Museum and Resource Center*

Existing law provides that an officer having custody of any firearm that may be useful to the California National Guard, the Coast Guard Auxiliary, or to any military or naval agency of the federal or state government, may, upon the authority of the legislative body of the city, city and county, or county by which the officer is employed and the approval of the Adjutant General, deliver the firearm to the commanding officer of a unit of the California National Guard, the Coast Guard Auxiliary, or any other military agency of the state or federal government, including the California State Military Museum and Resource Center, in lieu of destruction as otherwise required. Existing law also specifies how firearms donated to the California State Military Museum and Resource Center may be disposed of. This bill would correct an incorrect reference to the California State Military Museum and Resource Center in those provisions. The bill would authorize donation of firearms to specified branch museums in addition to the California State Military Museum and Resource Center, and would also authorize any state agency, county, municipality, or special purpose district to offer any excess military weapons or equipment, such as historical war equipment like artillery, tanks, or armored vehicles, to those museums. ((Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 698, Statutes of 2013))

SB 769 Block *Veterans: criminal defendants*

Existing law requires a court, in the case of any person convicted of a criminal offense who could otherwise be sentenced to county jail or state prison and who alleges that he or she committed the offense as a result of sexual trauma, traumatic brain injury, post-traumatic stress disorder, substance abuse, or mental health problems stemming from service in the United States military, to, prior to sentencing, make a determination as to whether the defendant was, or currently is, a member of the United States military and whether the defendant may be suffering from sexual trauma, traumatic brain injury, post-traumatic stress disorder, substance abuse, or mental health problems as a result of that

service. If that defendant is in substantial compliance with conditions of probation and has successfully participated in court-ordered treatment and services, among other requirements, existing law authorizes the court to grant the defendant specified forms of relief, including a dismissal of the action, as specified. Existing law provides that a person who has been convicted of a felony, or who is addicted to the use of a narcotic drug, and who owns, purchases, receives, or has in possession or under custody or control any firearm is guilty of a felony. This bill provide that dismissal of an accusation, information, or conviction, as specified, pursuant to the provisions described above relating to a defendant who served in the United States military, does not authorize that defendant to own, possess, or have in his or her custody or control any firearm, or prevent his or her conviction for being a felon or drug addict in possession of a firearm. ((Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 46, Statutes of 2013))

SB 815 Committee on Veterans Affairs *Veterans*

Existing law authorizes the Department of Veterans Affairs to assist a veteran and his or her dependents or survivors to make a claim against the United States arising out of war service and establishing a right to a privilege, preference, care, or compensation. This bill would instead authorize assistance for claims against the United States arising out of military service. The existing Military and Veterans Code contains various references to the "Director of the Veterans Administration" and to the "Veterans Administration" that have been rendered obsolete by subsequent changes in the law. This bill would correct these obsolete references by instead referring to the "Secretary of Veterans Affairs" and to the "United States Department of Veterans Affairs." Existing law authorizes the board of supervisors of each county to appoint a county veterans service officer to perform duties relating to the administration of benefits to veterans. This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to that provision. Existing law requires the county veterans service officer to assist every veteran and the dependents of every deceased veteran in presenting and pursuing any claim the veteran may have against the United States and in establishing the veteran's right to any privilege, preference, care, or compensation provided for by the laws. This bill would require the county veterans service officer to also assist, in the manner described above, any qualified former member. This bill would define "qualified former member" for purposes of this assistance to mean any former member of the United States Armed Forces. ((Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 186, Statues of 2013))

SB 839 Correa *The California Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise Program: state contracts.*

Existing law establishes goals that apply to the overall dollar amount expended each year by an awarding department, as defined, to facilitate the participation of disabled veteran business enterprises in state contracts, and establishes the California Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise Program for this purpose. This bill would require the contracting activity report, with respect to disabled veteran business enterprise participation, commencing with the 2015–16 fiscal year and each fiscal year thereafter, to include the dollar amounts expended annually on contracts pursuant to the program, and would require an awarding department to report those expenditures to the Department of General Services. The bill would require the awarding department, for each disabled veteran business enterprise that contracts directly with an awarding department as a prime contractor, to report expenditures based on the amounts paid during the fiscal year, and to maintain accounting records and other supporting documentation sufficient for the verification and audit of the reported payments. The bill would require the awarding department, for each disabled veteran business enterprise that works as a subcontractor to a prime contractor, to report expenditures based on a joint certification from both the prime contractor and the disabled veteran business enterprise subcontractor, attesting to the amounts

paid to the disabled veteran business enterprise under each contract, and to maintain signed certifications for the verification and audit of the reported payments. The bill would require the Department of General Services, in consultation with the Department of Veterans Affairs, to develop, before July 1, 2015, a joint certification form to be used by awarding departments. ((Senate Appropriations))

SB 842 Knight. *Highway signs: Veterans' Home of California.*

Existing law provides that the Department of Transportation is in full possession and control of the state highway system. Existing law provides for placement of signs on state highways, as specified.

This bill would require the department to erect, at appropriate locations on highways in the state highway system, directional signs to each Veterans' Home of California, upon receiving funds from nonstate sources sufficient to cover the cost. ((Senate Appropriations))

SB 948 Committee on Veterans Affairs *Active Militia*

This bill would recast and revise the above-referenced qualifications for state active duty service members, to include retired or separated members of the Federal Reserve component of any branch of the United States Armed Forces or the federally recognized National Guard of any state or United States territory, with current membership in the State Military Reserve. ((Assembly Veterans Affairs))

SB 989 Galgiani *Veterans services: state agencies and departments*

This bill would state the intent of the Legislature that the Department of Veterans Affairs enter into memoranda of understanding or interagency agreements with other state agencies and departments, as specified, to ascertain the veteran status of all persons receiving services, benefits, or assistance from those state agencies and departments, as provided. This bill would authorize the Employment Development Department, in consultation with the Department of Veterans Affairs, to make available in its field offices brochures, forms, and posters in order to inform veterans of benefits and services. This bill also would require the Employment Development Department to collect and send any voluntarily completed forms to the Department of Veterans Affairs on at least a quarterly basis, and to add a link to its Internet Web site that will direct parties to the Department of Veterans Affairs Internet Web site. ((Senate Appropriations))

SB 995 Knight *Military service: benefits*

Existing law authorizes members of the United States Military Reserve or the National Guard who are called to active duty as a result of the Iraq and Afghanistan conflicts, as specified, to defer payments on certain obligations while serving on active duty, including, among others, up to two vehicle loans. This bill would make a technical, nonsubstantive change to this provision. ((Senate Rules))

SB 1110 Jackson *Arraignment: military and veteran status: forms*

Existing law requires, when a defendant is brought before a magistrate upon arrest, on a charge of having committed a public offense, the magistrate to immediately inform the defendant of the charge against him or her and the defendant's right to counsel at every stage of the proceedings. Under existing law, if it appears that the defendant may be a minor, the magistrate is required to ascertain if that is the case and, if it is and the defendant meets specified requirements, to immediately notify the parent or guardian of the minor of the arrest or to appoint counsel to the minor. This bill would require the magistrate, if the defendant is represented by counsel, to inquire as to the active duty or veteran status of the defendant and require specified actions if the defendant acknowledges military service,

including filing Judicial Council Form MIL-100 and transmitting the form to the county veterans services officer for confirmation of military service. The bill would provide that a defendant may decline to provide military service information without penalty. The bill would require, if the defendant is not represented by counsel, that the magistrate not make an inquiry into the defendant's current or past military status, and that the court advise the defendant that certain current or former members of the United States military who meet certain qualifications are eligible for specific forms of restorative relief. The bill would also make technical changes. ((Assembly Public Safety))

SB 1113 Knight *Property taxation: disabled veterans' exemption: refunds: statute of limitations*

This bill would, if a claim for a refund is filed for the disabled veterans' exemption on or after January 1, 2015, extend the period of time for which a refund is required to be made from 4 years to 8 years. This bill would also correct an incorrect cross reference in a related provision. ((Senate Appropriations))

SB 1180 Calderon *Veterans*

Existing law requires the Department of Veterans Affairs to publicize information pertaining to benefit programs that are available to qualified homeless veterans, using printed material, the department's Internet Web site, or any other method. This bill would provide that, instead of listing the department's Internet Web site as a method of publication, the department could have the information published on the state, county, city, and department Internet Web sites. ((Senate Rules))

SB 1227 Hancock *Diversion: members of the military*

Under existing law, prosecution of an offense filed as a misdemeanor may be postponed, either temporarily or permanently, at any point in the judicial process from the point at which the accused is charged until adjudication, for the person charged to participate in a diversion program for the treatment of problem drinking or alcoholism. Additionally, prosecution may be postponed in other instances, including first-time, nonviolent felony drug offenses and for defendants with cognitive developmental disabilities. This bill would authorize the court, with the consent of the defendant and a waiver of the defendant's speedy trial right, to postpone prosecution, either temporarily or permanently, of a misdemeanor or a felony for which a sentence would be served in a county jail if the defendant was, or currently is, a member of the United States military and if he or she may be suffering from sexual trauma, traumatic brain injury, post-traumatic stress disorder, substance abuse, or mental health problems as a result of his or her military service. The bill would authorize the defendant to be referred to services for treatment and would require the responsible agencies to report to the court and the prosecution not less than every 6 months. By increasing the duties of local county mental health authorities and local prosecutors, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program. ((Senate Appropriations))

SB 1282 Knight *Gold Star Family specialized license plate program*

Existing law authorizes the issuance of specialized license plates sponsored by a state agency, including the Gold Star Family specialized license plate sponsored by the Department of Veterans Affairs. Existing law generally authorizes specialized license plates to be issued as environmental license plates, with a combination of letters or numbers, or both, requested by the owner of the vehicle. Under existing law, however, Gold Star Family license plates may only be issued in a sequential series. This bill would delete the requirement that Gold Star Family license plates be issued only in a

sequential series, thereby authorizing the issuance of these license plates as environmental license plates. ((Senate Appropriations))

SB 1422 Padilla *Military courts: sexual assault: courts-martial*

This bill would require the department, on or before July 1 of each year, to report prescribed information to the Governor, the Legislature, the Senate Committee on Veterans Affairs, and the Assembly Committee on Veterans Affairs regarding the federal government's activities relating to sexual assault prevention and response.

The bill would restrict the authority of the department or the California National Guard to assert jurisdiction over cases of rape, sexual assault or an attempt of that offense, by a member of the active militia when performing military duty under federal law or while on state duty orders, to occasions when a civilian prosecutorial authority refuses to prosecute on behalf of the state. The bill would require a member of the active militia recommended for court-martial pursuant to a specified hearing for sexual assault, or an attempt of that offense, to be tried by general court-martial.

The bill would prohibit a convening authority from overturning a conviction of sexual assault handed down by a general court-martial. Under the bill, no statute of limitations would apply to cases subject to the jurisdiction of the military court, and the bill also would require the punishment for a conviction of any of the specified offenses to be issued as directed by the general court-martial, and to include, at a minimum, dismissal or dishonorable discharge.

((Assembly – pending referral))

SB 1440 Wolk *Veterans' homes: fees and charges*

This bill would instead require nonveteran spouses to pay the same fees and charges as paid by the veteran members of the home, as determined by the department and subject to the same prohibitions. ((Senate Appropriations))

SCR 40 Hueso *Korean War Armistice Day*

This measure would proclaim July 27, 2013, as Korean War Armistice Day. It would urge Californians to observe the anniversary and call upon them to honor and give thanks to Korean War veterans. It would also urge Governor Jerry Brown to proclaim July 27, 2013, as Korean War Armistice Day and instruct all state departments, agencies, interest groups, organizations, and individuals to fly the United States flag at half-mast on July 27, 2013, in memory of veterans from this state who died as a result of their service in Korea. ((Chaptered by Secretary of State. Res. Chapter 80, Statutes of 2013))

SCR 59 Knight *William J. "Pete" Knight Veterans Home of California-Lancaster*

This measure would recognize the location of the William J. "Pete" Knight Veterans Home of California-Lancaster in Los Angeles County along State Highway Route 14 (SR 14) near the exit for West Avenue "I" in the City of Lancaster and request the erection of 4 directional signs at that exit indicating the location of the home. The measure would request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost of appropriate signs and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering that cost, to erect those signs. ((Assembly Transportation))

SCR 107 Hueso *D-Day Invasion: 70th Anniversary*

This measure would commemorate the 70th anniversary of the D-Day Invasion by proclaiming June 6, 2014, as D-Day Remembrance Day and urging Governor Jerry Brown to instruct all state agencies to

fly the flag of the United States and the flag of California at half-mast on that day, in recognition of the heroism and sacrifices of the participants in those landings. ((Assembly Rules))

SCR 118 Anderson *Military sacrifice: remembrance*

This measure would encourage the people of California to honor our war dead on the 21st day of each month by flying the flag of the United States at half-staff in remembrance and in honor of all those who have given their lives in military service in war and pausing for a moment of silence for 21 seconds to honor our fallen heroes. ((Senate))

ASSEMBLY MEASURES

AB 13 Chavez *Nonresident tuition exemption: veterans*

This bill would eliminate the requirement that a student be stationed in this state to receive that exemption, and would require the student to be discharged *or released from active duty* within the immediately prior year in order to receive the exemption. To the extent the bill would require community college districts to exempt more students from nonresident tuition, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program. ((Senate Rules))

AB 146 Olsen *State Capitol: location of California American Portuguese Veterans Memorial*

Existing law prescribes various duties for the Department of General Services in connection with the development and maintenance of the park around the State Capitol Building. Existing law authorizes the American Portuguese Club Incorporated, in consultation with the department and a specifically created committee, to construct and maintain a memorial in the existing All Veterans Memorial to honor California American Portuguese veterans, as specified. This bill would modify provisions relating to the site of the memorial, requiring it to be located within the Veterans Memorial Grove, a specified area adjacent to the All Veterans Memorial.((Senate Governmental Organization))

AB 150 Olsen *State Parks: armed services: fee waiver*

This bill would require any veteran of such a war who was honorably discharged, or a current active duty soldier for the United States Armed Forces, upon application, to be issued a pass entitling the bearer of the pass to the use of any unit of the state park system on Memorial Day and Veterans Day if certain conditions are met, including that proper proof is supplied. If the veteran or active duty soldier enters the park in a vehicle, the bill would require all occupants in the vehicle to have their entrance fee waived. ((Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 688, Statutes of 2013))

AB 151 Olsen *Local government: fee waiver: disabled veterans*

This bill would authorize the governing board of any city or county to grant financial assistance, relief, and support to disabled veterans, as defined, by waiving service-related fees charged by the city or county, as specified. ((Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 689, Statutes of 2013))

AB 171 Chávez *Department of Veterans Affairs: consolidation of services to veterans*

This bill would establish the California Veterans Services and Workforce Development Division within the Department of Veterans Affairs for the purpose of coordinating and administering veterans assistance programs in the state, and would require the division to perform various functions and duties relating to the coordination and administration of veterans assistance programs, as specified. The bill would require the administrative and support staff responsible for the administration of the specified programs to be transferred from the Employment Development Department to the division, and would require the costs of the transfer to utilize existing resources of the Department of Veterans Affairs. ((Assembly Veterans Affairs - Died))

AB 213 Logue *Healing arts: licensure and certification requirements: military experience*

Existing law provides for the licensure and regulation of various healing arts professions and vocations by boards within the Department of Consumer Affairs. Existing law requires the rules and regulations of these healing arts boards to provide for methods of evaluating education, training, and experience obtained in military service if such training is applicable to the requirements of the particular

profession or vocation regulated by the board. Under existing law, specified other healing arts professions and vocations are licensed or certified and regulated by the State Department of Public Health. In some instances, a board with the Department of Consumer Affairs or the State Department of Public Health approves schools offering educational course credit for meeting licensing or certification qualifications and requirements. This bill would require the State Department of Public Health, upon the presentation of evidence by an applicant for licensure or certification, to accept education, training, and practical experience completed by an applicant in military service toward the qualifications and requirements to receive a license or certificate for specified professions and vocations if that education, training, or experience is equivalent to the standards of the department. If a board within the Department of Consumer Affairs or the State Department of Public Health accredits or otherwise approves schools offering educational course credit for meeting licensing and certification qualifications and requirements, the bill would, not later than January 1, 2015, require those schools seeking accreditation or approval to have procedures in place to evaluate an applicant's military education, training, and practical experience toward the completion of an educational program that would qualify a person to apply for licensure or certification, as specified. Under existing law, the Department of Veterans Affairs has specified powers and duties relating to various programs serving veterans. Under existing law, the Chancellor of the California State University and the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges have specified powers and duties relating to statewide health education programs. With respect to complying with the bill's requirements and obtaining specified funds to support compliance with these provisions, this bill would require the Department of Veterans Affairs, the Chancellor of the California State University, and the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges to provide technical assistance to the healing arts boards within the Department of Consumer Affairs, the State Department of Public Health, and to the schools offering, or seeking to offer, educational course credit for meeting licensing qualifications and requirements. ((Assembly Appropriations - Died))

AB 244 Bonilla *Vehicles: license plates: veterans*

This bill would additionally authorize a veterans' organization to participate in a special interest license plate program to provide special license plates to veterans of the United States Armed Forces. The bill would prohibit an applicant from being issued these special license plates unless he or she establishes, by satisfactory proof, that he or she is a veteran, except as specified. The bill would require that these special interest license plates be subject to the additional fees described above, and that the revenue from those additional fees, less the department's costs, be deposited in the Veterans Service Office Fund. ((Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 690, Statutes of 2013))

AB 258 Chávez *State agencies: veterans*

This bill would require every state agency that requests on any written form or written publication, or through its Internet Web site, whether a person is a veteran, to request that information in a specified manner. ((Chaptered by Secretary of State – Chapter 227, Statutes of 2013))

AB 269 Grove *Vote by mail ballots: military or overseas voters*

Existing law requires that a vote by mail ballot be received by the issuing elections official or the precinct board no later than the close of polls on election day. This bill would make an exception for military or overseas voters, as defined, and would instead require that their vote by mail ballots be postmarked by the United States Postal Service or the Military Postal Service Agency on or before

election day and received by their elections officials no later than 3 days after election day. ((Senate – Elections and Constitutional Amendments))

AB 287 Frazier *Vietnam veterans' memorial: update*

This bill would require the Department of Veterans Affairs, in coordination with the California State Commanders Veterans Council and the Vietnam Veterans of America, to annually compile a list of names of Vietnam veterans to be added to the memorial. The bill would require that the Department of General Services annually add the names from the list to the memorial, as specified. ((Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 229, Statutes of 2013))

AB 296 Wagner *Attorneys*

This bill would authorize *a person* who has been an active member in good standing of the bar of a sister state or United States jurisdiction, possession, or territory and who is married to, or in a domestic partnership or other legal union with, an active duty member of the Armed Forces of the United States who is assigned to a duty station in the state, as specified, to apply to receive a provisional license to practice law in the *state*. *The* bill would provide that the provisional license confers all the same rights, benefits, duties, and responsibilities to practice law as a license, except as provided. The bill would require an applicant for a provisional license to meet certain requirements, including, among other things, being at least 18 years of age and of good moral character and would require the State Bar to expedite all moral character investigations or proceedings for provisional license applicants. The bill would require a provisional license holder, as a condition of provisional licensure, to (1) take the first general bar examination or Attorneys' Examination administered at least 90 calendar days after his or her moral character determination application is submitted to the State Bar, as specified, (2) associate with an active member of the State Bar, and (3) disclose his or her provisional licensure in any contract for legal services. The bill would provide that failure to comply these conditions shall be grounds to revoke the provisional license. The bill would provide for the expiration of a provisional license under certain conditions, but would, notwithstanding these conditions, only authorize a provisional license to be valid while the active duty member of the Armed Forces is assigned a duty station in California under official active duty military orders. ((Senate Judiciary))

AB 303 Ian Calderon *Student financial aid: Cal Grant Program: members and former members of the Armed Forces of the United States*

Existing law, known as the Ortiz-Pacheco-Poohigian-Vasconcellos Cal Grant Program, establishes, among other programs, the Cal Grant A Entitlement Program, the Cal Grant B Entitlement Program, the California Community College Transfer Cal Grant Entitlement Program, and the Competitive Cal Grant A and B award program, under the administration of the Student Aid Commission, and establishes eligibility requirements for awards under these programs. This bill would, commencing with the 2014-15 academic year, entitle an otherwise eligible student who is a member or former member of the Armed Forces of the United States, as defined, who meets prescribed requirements, including, but not limited to, enrollment in a qualifying undergraduate certificate or degree program, to a Cal Grant A Entitlement Award or a Cal Grant B Entitlement Award. The bill also would require the commission to make preliminary awards to all applicants currently eligible for an award under the program, and would require each person who receives a preliminary award to affirm, in writing, that he or she meets specified requirements for eligibility in the program. ((Assembly Higher Education - Died))

AB 315 Committee on Veterans Affairs *State parks: veteran of war: Purple Heart recipient*

Existing law requires the Department of Parks and Recreation to issue a park pass for use of all park facilities in the state park system to a veteran of war in which the United States has been, or may be, engaged who is a resident of this state, who presents to the department proof of a disability, proof of being held captive as a prisoner of war, or proof of being a recipient of a Congressional Medal of Honor, as provided. This bill would make the recipient of a Purple Heart eligible for the pass. ((Senate Appropriations))

AB 316 Committee on Veterans Affairs *Veteran interment: veterans' remains organizations*

Existing law requires the public administrator of a county to make every reasonable effort to determine if the unclaimed remains of a decedent referred to the public administrator belong to a veteran or the dependent of a veteran, and to work with specified entities to determine if the remains belong to a veteran or the dependent of a veteran. This bill would make a technical, nonsubstantive change to this provision. ((Assembly – Died))

AB 366 Holden *Women, minority, and disabled veteran business enterprises*

Under existing law, the Public Utilities Commission has regulatory authority over public utilities, including electrical, gas, water, and telephone corporations. Existing law authorizes the commission to establish rules for all public utilities, subject to control by the Legislature. This bill would make findings and declarations regarding women, minority, and disabled veteran business enterprises. This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to promote diverse lending institutions to increase the availability of access to capital for women, minority, and disabled veteran-owned businesses consistent with the original intent of the supplier diversity program and to continue these efforts in the procurement of legal services and financial services. ((Assembly Appropriations))

AB 368 Morrell *Public postsecondary education: resident classification*

This bill would expand those residency classification provisions by deleting the provisions requiring the member of the Armed Forces to be stationed in the state, and by defining "Armed Forces of the United States" to include the National Guard and the reserve components of the Armed Forces, including the California National Guard. The bill would request the Regents of the University of California to establish the same residency requirements as those established by this bill for students enrolled at the University of California. To the extent the bill would require community college districts to exempt more students from nonresident tuition; the bill would impose a state-mandated local program. ((Assembly Higher Education - Died))

AB 372 Eggman *Civil service: veterans' preference in hiring*

This bill would delete the credit provisions and would revise and recast the provisions governing veterans' preference. The bill would instead provide that whenever any veteran, widow or widower of a veteran, or spouse of a 100% disabled veteran achieves a passing score on an entrance examination, he or she is required to be ranked in the top rank of the resulting eligibility list, except if the veteran was dishonorably discharged or released. For purposes of allowing preference points to veterans for civil service entrance examinations, existing law defines an entrance examination to include any open competitive examination other than one for a class having a requirement of both college graduation and 2 or more years of experience. This bill would delete the provision that excludes those examinations for a class having a requirement of both college graduation and 2 or more years of

experience from the definition of an entrance examination for purposes of allowing preference points for veterans, as specified. Existing law requires the request for and proof of eligibility for veterans' preference credits to be submitted by the veteran to the department conducting the employment examination. This bill would authorize *that* eligibility to be submitted to the designated appointing authority conducting the employment examination. ((Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 75, Statutes of 2013))

AB 409 Quirk-Silva *Student veterans: services*

Under existing law, the segments of the public higher education system in the state include the University of California, which is administered by the Regents of the University of California, the California State University, which is administered by the Trustees of the California State University, and the California Community Colleges, which is administered by the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges. Existing law authorizes the California Community Colleges and California State University, and encourages the University of California, to coordinate services for qualified students who are veterans or members of the military by clearly designating military and veterans offices and individuals to provide specified services. This bill would require the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges and the Trustees of the California State University to convene, and would encourage the Regents of the University of California to participate in, a task force to develop a report relating to student veterans' transition to postsecondary education, as specified. The bill would require the report to be completed on or before January 10, 2015, and that a copy be provided to the Governor and the Legislature on or before that date. These provisions would be repealed on January 1, 2019. ((Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 643, Statutes of 2013))

AB 472 Patterson *Vote by mail ballots: military or overseas voters*

Existing law requires that a vote by mail ballot be received by the issuing elections official or the precinct board no later than the close of polls on election day. This bill would make an exception for military or overseas voters, as defined, and would instead require that their vote by mail ballots be postmarked on or before election day and received by their elections officials not later than 10 days after election day. Existing law permits a military or overseas voter to return his or her vote by mail ballot by facsimile transmission and requires the ballot returned by facsimile transmission to be received no later than the closing of the polls on election day. Existing law provides that a military or overseas voter should return his or her ballot by facsimile transmission only if doing so is necessary for the ballot to be received before the closing of the polls on election day. This bill would instead provide that military or overseas voter should return his or her ballot by facsimile transmission only if doing so is necessary for the ballot to be timely cast. Because the bill would impose additional duties on local elections officials, it would impose a state-mandated local program. The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement. This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to these statutory provisions. ((Assembly Elections and Redistricting - Died))

AB 508 Calderon *Debt collection: homeless veterans*

Existing law requires the Judicial Council to adopt guidelines for a comprehensive program concerning the collection of moneys owed for fees, fines, forfeitures, penalties, and assessments imposed by court order. Existing law prohibits a court from garnishing wages or levying a bank account for the

enforcement and collection of fees, fines, forfeitures, or penalties imposed by a court against a person under 25 years of age who has been issued a citation for truancy, loitering, curfew violations, or illegal lodging that is outstanding or unpaid if the court obtains information that the person is homeless or has no permanent address, as defined. This bill would prohibit, for a period of 5 years, the issuance of an order for the garnishment of earnings or the levy of a bank account or the earnings of a homeless veteran, as defined, for the enforcement and collection of fees, fines, forfeitures, or penalties imposed by a court due to the violation of state or local law related to loitering, curfew violations, or illegal lodging, if the court has reason to believe that the debtor is a homeless veteran, as defined. The bill would make related findings and declarations. ((Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 234, Statutes of 2013))

AB 526 Melendez *Military service: benefits*

Existing law authorizes, to the extent permitted by federal law, members of the United States Military Reserve and National Guard who are called to active duty as a result of the Iraq or Afghanistan conflicts, to defer payments on mortgages, credit cards, retail installment accounts and contracts, real property taxes and assessments, and vehicle leases for the period of active duty, plus 60 calendar days, or 180 days, whichever is the lesser, as specified. Existing law also requires any entity that was providing any type of health care coverage to a member of the United States Military Reserve or National Guard who is called to active duty as a result of the Iraq or Afghanistan conflicts to reinstate the health care coverage without waiting periods or exclusion of coverage for preexisting conditions, and makes a violation of this requirement subject to enforcement under the Knox-Keene Health Care Service Plan Act of 1975, a willful violation of which is a crime. Existing law also provides that a spouse or legal dependent, or both, of a member is entitled to the benefits accorded to a member, if the member is eligible for those benefits. This bill would extend those deferral provisions and reinstatement of health care coverage provisions to a reservist, as defined, who is called to active duty on and after January 1, 2014, and to a spouse or legal dependent, as specified. This bill would also authorize the deferral of payments on any obligations owed to a utility company. This bill would also require a copy of the activation or deployment orders and any other information that substantiates the duration of the service member's military service to be delivered to an obligor in order for an obligation of a reservist to be deferred, as provided. ((Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chaptered 236, Statutes of 2013))

AB 531 Frazier *Driver's licenses: veteran designation*

Under existing law, when the Department of Motor Vehicles determines that an applicant is lawfully entitled to a driver's license, the department is required to issue that license to the applicant. Existing law specifies the contents of a driver's license and requires the application for a driver's license or identification card to contain a space for an applicant to indicate whether he or she has served in the Armed Forces of the United States and to give his or her consent to be contacted regarding eligibility to receive state or federal veterans benefits. This bill would, commencing January 1, 2015, require the application for a driver's license or identification card to also allow a person to present to the department, in a manner determined by the department, a Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty, as specified, and to request the driver's license or identification card be printed with the word "VETERAN." The bill would require the department to allow an applicant to present a verification from the county veterans service officer that the person has received that form. The department would be required to print the word "VETERAN" on the face of a driver's license or

identification card issued to a person who makes that request and presents that form to the department. ((Died))

SB 532 De León *Professions and vocations: military spouses: temporary licenses*

Existing law provides for the licensure and regulation of various professions and vocations by boards within the Department of Consumer Affairs. Existing law provides for the issuance of reciprocal licenses in certain fields where the applicant, among other requirements, has a license to practice within that field in another jurisdiction, as specified. Under existing law, licensing fees imposed by certain boards within the department are deposited in funds that are continuously appropriated. Existing law requires a board within the department to expedite the licensure process for an applicant who holds a current license in another jurisdiction in the same profession or vocation and who supplies satisfactory evidence of being married to, or in a domestic partnership or other legal union with, an active duty member of the Armed Forces of the United States who is assigned to a duty station in California under official active duty military orders. This bill would make a technical, nonsubstantive change to that provision. ((Returned to Secretary of Senate pursuant to Joint Rule 56))

AB 550 Brown *State government: Office of Small Business and Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise Services*

Existing law provides for various programs to encourage the participation of small businesses, as certified by the Department of General Services, in state agency contracts, and sets forth the duties of the Office of Small Business and Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise Services in this regard. This bill would require the head of a state agency to ensure that a state contracting program is administered in a manner that promotes small business participation. This bill would require the head of a state agency to annually review small business participation levels and to develop a plan for increasing small business participation levels within 60 days when participation levels are low. This bill would require the Department of General Services and the Office of the Small Business Advocate to serve as a resource to assist the heads of state agencies in identifying best practices for utilization of small businesses in their contracting programs ((Died))

AB 555 Salas *Social security numbers*

Existing law prohibits a person or entity, with specified exceptions, from publicly posting or displaying an individual's social security number or doing certain other acts that might compromise the security of an individual's social security number, unless otherwise required by federal or state law. This bill would declare that those provisions do not prevent an adult state correctional facility, an adult city jail, or an adult county jail, from releasing an inmate's social security number, *with the inmate's consent and* upon request by the county veterans service officer or the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, for the purposes of determining the inmate's status as a military veteran and his or her eligibility for federal, state, or local veterans' benefits or services. ((Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 103, Statutes of 2013))

AB 556 Salas *Fair Employment and Housing Act: military veterans*

Existing law, the California Fair Employment and Housing Act, protects and safeguards the right and opportunity of all persons to seek, obtain, and hold employment without discrimination or abridgment on account of race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, physical disability, mental disability, medical condition, genetic information, marital status, sex, gender, gender identity, gender expression, age, or sexual orientation. This bill would add "military and veteran status," as defined, to the list of categories protected from employment discrimination under the act. The bill would also

provide an exemption for an inquiry by an employer regarding military or veteran status for the purpose of awarding a veteran's preference as permitted by law. ((Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 691, Statutes of 2013))

AB 557 Yamada *Veterans' homes: accounting of charges*

Under existing law, a member of a veterans' home is required to pay fees and charges as determined by the Department of Veterans Affairs. Existing law requires the administrator of the home to provide each member with a quarterly statement or accounting of all charges for the costs of care rendered to the member in excess of the member fee, as defined. Existing law requires the quarterly statement or accounting to include, among other things, a statement that, if the veteran is a resident of the home at the time of death, the home may use his or her money or personal property that is in the possession of the home for payment of unreimbursed costs of care. This bill would require the statement contained in the quarterly statement or accounting described above to also specify that the home may use the deceased veteran's money or personal property that is outside the home for payment of unreimbursed costs of care. This bill would require the quarterly statement or accounting and any notice relating to quarterly statements posted in any veterans' home to be in a font size and type that complies with specified standards. ((Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 134, Statutes of 2013))

AB 585 Fox *Homeless veterans' assistance pilot program*

Under existing law, the Department of Veterans Affairs has specified powers and duties relating to various programs serving veterans, including establishing housing projects. Existing law requires the department to include specified information in its strategic plan related to homeless veterans. This bill would establish, until January 1, 2018, the Homeless Veterans' Housing Assistance Pilot Program, in up to 4 counties that agree to participate. The bill would provide that the pilot program would be administered at the state level by the Department of Veterans' Affairs, in consultation with the Department of Housing and Community Development, and would prescribe the department's responsibilities in this regard. This bill would require the department to provide \$100,000 to each county for purposes of the pilot program, from which the county would provide a monthly stipend of \$500 to eligible homeless veterans. The bill would appropriate \$5,000,000 from the General Fund to the Homeless Veterans' Housing Assistance Fund, which the bill would create, for purposes of the pilot program. ((Senate Veterans Affairs))

AB 590 Fox *Veterans: transition assistance*

Existing law establishes the Department of Veterans Affairs, which is responsible for administering various programs and services for the benefit of veterans. This bill would require, by January 1, 2015, the Department of Veterans Affairs to develop a transition assistance program for veterans who have discharged from the Armed Forces of the United States or the National Guard of any state within the previous 18 months, as specified.((Died))

AB 614 Chávez *Veterans' homes of California: financial investigation*

Existing law provides for the establishment and operation of the Veterans' Home of California at various sites for aged and disabled veterans who meet certain eligibility requirements. Existing law authorizes, prior to the admission of a veteran as a member of the home, and at any time during which the veteran is a member, the Department of Veterans Affairs to investigate the veteran's financial status to ensure that the veteran is unable to pay for the necessary hospital or domiciliary care outside of the home, as provided. This bill would instead, prior to the admission of a veteran as a member of

the home, require the department to *review* the veteran's financial status to ensure that the veteran is unable to pay for the necessary hospital or domiciliary care outside of the home. This bill would authorize the department to promulgate and maintain regulations. ((Senate Veterans Affairs))

AB 639 John A. Pérez *Veterans Housing and Homeless Prevention Act of 2014*

Existing law, the Veterans' Bond Act of 2008, as approved by the voters, authorizes the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$900,000,000, pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law, for purposes of financing the Cal-Vet program for farm, home, and mobile home purchase assistance for veterans. This bill would amend the Veterans' Bond Act of 2008 to reduce the amount of bonds that are authorized to be issued under the act from \$900,000,000 to \$300,000,000. The bill would instead authorize the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$600,000,000, as specified, for expenditure by the Department of Housing and Community Development for purposes of the construction, rehabilitation, and preservation of multifamily housing for veterans, in collaboration with the Department of Veterans Affairs. The bill would authorize the Legislature to amend the provisions of this act, by majority vote, under specified criteria. The bill would impose a specified reporting requirement on the California Housing Finance Agency. The bill would provide for submission of its provisions to the voters at the November 4, 2014, general election, as specified. This bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute. ((Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 727, Statutes of 2013))

AB 660 Nazarian *Veterans: postsecondary education*

Existing law authorizes the California Veterans' Educational Institute, which is under the management and control of the Department of Veterans Affairs, to provide opportunities for veterans to continue their education. This bill would make nonsubstantive changes to that provision. ((Died))

AB 697 Gomez *Nursing education: service in state veterans homes*

Existing law establishes the Student Aid Commission as the primary state agency for the administration of state-authorized student financial aid programs available to students attending all segments of postsecondary education. Existing law establishes the State Nursing Assumption Program of Loans for Education (SNAPLE), administered by the commission, under which any person enrolled in an institution of postsecondary education and participating in that loan assumption program is eligible to receive a conditional warrant for loan assumption, to be redeemed upon becoming employed as a full-time nursing faculty member at a California college or university. This bill would establish a loan assumption program for employees of state veterans' homes within the SNAPLE program. This program would provide loan assumption benefits to persons who fulfill agreements to work full time for 4 consecutive years as clinical registered nurses in state veterans' homes, as specified, that employ registered nurses. The program provides for a progressive assumption of the amount of a qualifying loan over 4 consecutive years of qualifying clinical registered nursing service, up to a total loan assumption of \$20,000. The bill would require that, in any fiscal year, the commission award no more than the number of warrants that are authorized in the Budget Act for that fiscal year for the assumption of loans pursuant to the program. This program would become inoperative on July 1, 2019, and would be repealed on January 1, 2020. ((Assembly Health - Died))

AB 704 Blumenfield *Emergency medical services: military experience*

Under the Emergency Medical Services System and the Pre-hospital Emergency Medical Care Personnel Act, the Emergency Medical Services Authority is responsible for establishing minimum standards and promulgating regulations for the training and scope of practice for an emergency

medical technician (EMT-I), an advanced emergency medical technician (EMT-II), and an emergency medical technician-paramedic (EMT-P) certified or licensed, as applicable, under the act. This bill would require the authority to develop and adopt regulations to, upon presentation of satisfactory evidence, accept the education, training, and practical experience completed by an applicant with military experience toward the qualifications and requirements for EMT-I certification, EMT-II certification, or EMT-P licensure, as specified. ((Vetoed))

AB 705 Blumenfield *Combat to Care Act*

This bill would provide that this act shall be known, and may be cited, as the Combat to Care Act and would make various legislative findings and declarations, including that California recognizes that military service members gain skill and experience while serving the country that, upon discharge, can be translated to the civilian world. The bill would require the Board of Registered Nursing by regulation and in conjunction with the Military Department, to identify the Armed Forces education, training, or experience that is equivalent or transferable to the curriculum required for licensure by the board. The bill would require the board, after evaluating a military applicant's education, training, or experience, to provide the applicant with a list of the coursework, if any, he or she must still complete to be eligible for licensure and to grant the applicant, if he or she meets specified criteria, a license upon passing the standard examination. The bill would require the board to attempt to contact military service members who may meet the bill's criteria and would authorize the board to enter into an agreement with the federal government in that regard. The bill would require the board to maintain records of applicants, as specified. ((Assembly Appropriations - Died))

AB 717 Chávez *Veterans*

Existing law establishes the California Veterans Board, composed of 7 members with specified qualifications who are appointed by the Governor and subject to the confirmation of the Senate, to determine the policies for all operations of the Department of Veterans Affairs. This bill would require the board to instead serve as an advisory body to the Secretary of the Department of Veterans of Affairs. This bill would also eliminate certain qualifications to be a member of the board, and require every board member to be a member in good standing with a congressionally chartered veteran service organization. Existing law requires the board to annually report to the Legislature regarding the activities, accomplishments, and expenditures of the board. This bill would repeal this requirement. Existing law sets forth the duties of the secretary and the board with regard to the administration of the department to benefit California veterans. This bill would require the secretary and the board to each seek to confer with the California State Commanders Veterans Council at least twice per calendar year on issues affecting California veterans. ((Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 692, Statutes of 2013))

AB 733 Mansoor *Community colleges: academic credit for military training and experience*

Existing law establishes the California Community Colleges, under the administration of the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges, as one of the segments of public postsecondary education in this state. Existing law establishes community college districts throughout the state under the administration of local governing boards, and authorizes them to provide instruction to students at community college campuses. This bill would authorize community college district governing boards to grant academic credit to students who are honorably discharged from the Armed Forces of the United States, as defined, or who are current members of a reserve component of the Armed Forces

of the United States, for their military training and experience that is determined by the district to meet prescribed guidelines. This bill would appropriate an unspecified amount from the General Fund to the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges for allocation to community college districts that grant academic credit to honorably discharged veterans and reservists pursuant to the bill, in augmentation of their regular apportionments. The bill would specify that the amounts of these allocations would reflect an unspecified amount per semester unit approved pursuant to the bill, as specified. The funds appropriated by this bill would be applied toward the minimum funding requirements for school districts and community college districts imposed by Section 8 of Article XVI of the California Constitution. ((Assembly Higher Education - Died))

AB 851 Logue *Dentistry: licensure and certification requirements: military experience*

Existing law establishes the Dental Board of California within the Department of Consumer Affairs and sets forth its powers and duties relating to the licensing, certification, and regulation of the dental profession. This bill would require the board, upon the presentation of evidence by an applicant for licensure or certification, to accept education, training, and practical experience completed by an applicant in military service toward the qualifications and requirements to receive a license or certificate if that education, training, or experience is equivalent to the standards of the board. If a board accredits or otherwise approves schools offering educational course credit for meeting licensing and certification qualifications and requirements, the bill would, not later than July 1, 2014, require those schools seeking accreditation or approval to have procedures in place to evaluate an applicant's military education, training, and practical experience toward the completion of an educational program that would qualify a person to apply for licensure or certification, as specified. Under existing law, the Department of Veterans Affairs has specified powers and duties relating to various programs serving veterans. This bill would, require the Department of Veterans Affairs to provide technical assistance to the board and to the director of consumer affairs with respect to complying with the bill's requirements and obtaining specified funds to support compliance with these provisions. ((Assembly Business, Professions and Consumer Protection - Died))

AB 919 Williams *Sales and use taxes: veterans: itinerant vendors: repayment*

This bill would provide a procedure for a qualified veteran, who is a person who met specified requirements for being a qualified itinerant vendor, to submit a claim for qualified repayments, as defined, with the State Board of Equalization, as provided. This bill would, on or before March 1, 2016, require the board to certify to the Controller the amount of qualified repayments to be made to each qualified veteran, and would require the Controller, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to make the payments of qualified repayments. This bill would limit the total amount of money available to make qualified repayments to not more than \$50,000. ((Senate Governance & Finance))

AB 1093 Grove *Veterans: student financial aid*

Prior law, in effect until January 1, 2012, requested the Office of the Adjutant General to make copies of the enrollment fee waiver application of the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges and the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) available to each member of the California National Guard, the State Military Reserve, and the Naval Militia not having a baccalaureate degree. Prior law also requested the Office of the Adjutant General to assist these persons in completing these forms, as needed. This bill would reinstate these provisions and request that the

Adjutant General also make available additional information, as specified, regarding federal Montgomery GI Bill benefits and contact information for veterans' educational assistance. ((Assembly Veterans Affairs - Died))

AB 1124 Muratsuchi *Medi-Cal: Public Assistance Reporting Information System*

Existing law provides for the Medi-Cal program, which is administered by the State Department of Health Care Services, under which qualified low-income individuals receive health care services. The Medi-Cal program is, in part, governed and funded by federal Medicaid Program provisions. Existing law requires the department to establish a 2-year pilot program to utilize the federal Public Assistance Reporting Information System (PARIS) to identify veterans and their dependents or survivors who are enrolled in the Medi-Cal program and assist them in obtaining federal veteran health care benefits. Existing law requires the department to select 3 counties, as specified, to participate in the pilot project and authorizes the department to implement the program statewide at any time and continue the operation of PARIS indefinitely if the department determines that the pilot program is cost effective. This bill would remove the pilot project status of these provisions and would require the department to implement this program statewide. The bill would also appropriate an unspecified sum from the General Fund to the Department of Veterans Affairs to provide funding for county veteran service officers to identify veterans and their dependents or survivors who are enrolled in the Medi-Cal program and to assist them in obtaining federal veteran health care benefits. ((Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 8, Statutes of 2014))

AB 1268 John A. Pérez *Unemployment insurance: veterans' unemployment: Veterans Workforce Development and Employment Office*

Existing law authorizes the Employment Development Department within the Labor and Workforce Development Agency to perform various functions and duties with respect to job creation and retention activities. Existing law requires the department to research the needs of veterans throughout the state and develop a profile of veterans' employment and training needs and to develop a statewide plan for the equitable distribution of employment funds for veterans' employment services. Existing law further requires the department to seek federal funding for these purposes and to submit an annual report to the Legislature, as provided, following any fiscal year in which state funds support the Veterans Employment Training services program. Under existing law, the expense of administration of these programs is paid out of the Unemployment Administration Fund, a continuously appropriated fund. This bill would establish the Veterans Workforce Development and Employment Office within the Labor and Workforce Development Agency for the purpose of coordinating state veterans workforce development and employment programs and services. The bill would require the office to administer specified state and federal unemployment programs and services for veterans, and would require the office to develop a plan, by May 1, 2014, in collaboration with the department for the transfer of its responsibilities from the department, and to transfer staff from the department to the office according to that plan. The bill would further require the office to research the needs of veterans throughout the state, develop a profile of veterans' employment and training needs, develop a statewide plan for the equitable distribution of employment funds for veterans' employment services, and develop a strategy and program for identifying employers and small businesses interested in hiring veterans and establish the means by which appropriate training and placement may occur. The bill would also require the office to seek federal and other funding for these research and development purposes and to submit an annual report to the Legislature, as specified. By authorizing expenditure of money in the

Unemployment Administration Fund for a new purpose, the bill would make an appropriation. ((Senate Inactive))

AB 1289 Cooley *State government: California Vietnam Veterans Memorial*

Existing law establishes the state flag and the state's emblems, including, among other things, the poppy as the official state flower and the California redwood as the official state tree. This bill would establish the California Vietnam Veterans Memorial as the official state Vietnam veterans war memorial. ((Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 191, Statutes of 2013))

AB 1397 Committee on Veterans Affairs *State militia: Adjutant General: report to the Governor*

Existing law requires the Adjutant General to make a report to the Governor every 4th year containing specified information regarding the operation of the Military Department. This bill would instead require the report to be made on or before July 1, 2014, and on or before July 1 each year thereafter, to the Governor and the Legislature. ((Senate Veterans Affairs))

AB 1410 Committee on Veterans Affairs *Courts-Martial Appellate Panel*

Existing law provides that the military courts of this state are general courts-martial, special courts-martial, summary courts-martial, and courts of inquiry. Existing law provides that general, special, and summary courts-martial have the power to try and adjudge specified members of the military. The authority to adjudge includes specified types of punishment. This bill would establish the Courts-Martial Appellate Panel. The panel would consist of 3 justices to be appointed by the Governor. The bill would require a justice to sit on the panel for a 4-year term or until his or her resignation. The bill would authorize the panel to be convened by the President of the United States, the Governor, or the Adjutant General. Under the bill, the panel would have power over the issuance of extraordinary writs relative to specified matters and adjudicating appeals of sentences of a court-martial. The bill would require precedential decisions of the Courts-Martial Appellate Panel to be posted in a conspicuous place. The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement. This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason. ((Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 322, Statutes of 2013))

AB 1453 Quirk-Silva *Southern California Veterans Cemetery*

The Department of Veterans Affairs (department) is created in state government and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs is the head of the department. Under existing law, the department, in voluntary cooperation with the Shasta County Board of Supervisors and the boards of supervisors of specified northern California counties, is required to design, develop, and construct a state-owned and state-operated Northern California Veterans Cemetery. Under existing law, the department, in voluntary cooperation with the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey, the City of Seaside, the Fort Ord Reuse Authority, and surrounding counties, cities, and local agencies, is required to design, develop, and construct the state-owned and state-operated veterans cemetery, which shall be located on the site of the former Fort Ord. Existing federal law authorizes the Secretary of Veterans Affairs of the federal Department of Veterans Affairs to make a grant to any state for the purpose of establishing, expanding, or improving a veterans' cemetery owned by the state and operating and maintaining a veterans' cemetery. This bill would require the department, in voluntary cooperation with local government entities in Orange County, to design, develop, construct, and equip a state-owned and state-operated Southern California Veterans Cemetery. The bill would make all honorably discharged

veterans and their spouses and children eligible for interment in the cemetery. The bill would require the department to establish a fee to be charged for interment of veteran spouses and children. The bill would create the Southern California Veterans Cemetery Master Development Fund, a continuously appropriated fund, and would require all moneys received for the design, development, construction, and equipment of the cemetery to be deposited in this fund. By creating a continuously appropriated fund, the bill would make an appropriation. The bill would also create the Southern California Veterans Cemetery Perpetual Maintenance Fund and would direct all moneys received for the maintenance of the cemetery, including those moneys received for the interment of a spouse or child, to be deposited in this fund. The bill would make proposals for the construction, placement, or donation of monuments and memorials to the cemetery subject to review by a specified advisory committee and subject to final approval by the Secretary. ((Assembly Appropriations))

AB 1509 Fox *Veterans: transition assistance*

Existing law establishes the Department of Veterans Affairs, which is responsible for administering various programs and services for the benefit of veterans. This bill would require, by July 1, 2015, the Department of Veterans Affairs to develop a transition assistance program for veterans who have been discharged from the Armed Forces of the United States or the National Guard of any state as specified. ((Assembly Appropriations))

AB 1518 Eggman *Military: National Guard: youth challenge program*

Existing law authorizes the Adjutant General of the California Military Department to establish a military academy to be operated as a charter school or existing alternative education option available under the Education Code, to provide a structured, disciplined environment that is conducive to learning and developing academic skills, leadership, self-esteem, and a strong sense of community. Existing law provides that a new California National Guard Youth Program, except for the California Cadet Corps, may be established as provided by this section only if funds are appropriated for purposes of the new program in the annual Budget Act or any other act. This bill would, subject to this condition, authorize the Adjutant General, subject to an appropriation for this purpose, to establish a National Guard Youth Challenge Program which would provide at least a 22-week residential program and a 12-month post-residential mentoring period to improve life skills and employment potential of participants. The program would accept federal funding, and the Military Department would be required to enter into a memorandum of agreement with an appropriate school district or county office of education for the purpose of providing educational services. The school district or county office of education would be responsible for ensuring compliance with any applicable requirements imposed pursuant to the Education Code. ((Assembly Appropriations))

AB 1565 V. Manuel Pérez *Department of Veterans Affairs: state services for veterans*

Existing law establishes the Department of Veterans Affairs, which is responsible for administering various programs and services for the benefit of veterans. This bill would require the Department of Veterans Affairs to review existing providers of transportation services to veterans for the purpose of identifying those areas of the state most in need of volunteer transportation providers for veterans. The bill would also require the department to compile a list, by county, of veterans' transportation providers and to make the list available on its Internet Web site and on mobile devices, as specified. ((Senate Rules))

AB 1580 Yamada *Veterans' homes: Morale, Welfare, and Recreation Fund*

Existing law provides for the establishment of veterans' homes and requires the administrator of a veterans' home to maintain a Morale, Welfare, and Recreation Fund to be used, subject to the approval of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, to provide certain operations and activities relating to the general welfare of the veterans. This bill would additionally require, for proposed expenditures of Morale, Welfare, and Recreation Fund moneys of more than \$5,000, proposed contracts of more than \$25,000 per year, or proposed contracts of more than \$100,000, the administrator to submit the proposed expenditure or contract to the secretary for approval. This bill would require legal counsel of the Department of Veterans Affairs, or another similarly qualified reviewer, to review the proposed expenditure or contract, and to issue an advisory opinion, as described. This bill would also require the Department of Veterans Affairs to provide written notifications containing specified information prior to the execution of a proposed expenditure or contract, and upon the execution of the expenditure or contract, to the Veterans' Home Allied Council or to another body representing the residents of the affected home or homes. This bill would provide the Veterans' Home Allied Council or other body representing residents of the affected home or homes the opportunity to respond to the notification provided prior to the execution of a proposed expenditure or contract. The bill would require the secretary to consider the advisory opinion and any other relevant information when determining whether an expenditure or contract will be approved. ((Assembly Appropriations))

AB 1637 Frazier *Driver's licenses: veteran designation*

This bill would, commencing November 11, 2015, allow an applicant for a driver's license or identification card to allow a person to request the driver's license or identification card be printed with the word "VETERAN." The applicant would be required to present to the Department of Motor Vehicles, on a form developed jointly by the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Department of Motor Vehicles, proof of veteran status. The bill would require county veterans service offices to verify an applicant's veteran status for these purposes, as specified. The department would be required to print the word "VETERAN" on the face of a driver's license or identification card issued to a person who makes that request and presents that verification to the department. ((Assembly Appropriations))

AB 1678 Gordon *Women, minority, disabled veteran, and LGBT business enterprise procurement*

This bill would extend these provisions to LGBT business enterprises, as defined. In adopting criteria for verifying and determining the eligibility of LGBT business enterprises for procurement contracts, the bill would require the commission to consult with LGBT Chambers of Commerce and other entities with expertise and relevant experience in the certification of LGBT businesses. ((Senate))

AB 1821 Gordon *Medical Foster Home Pilot Program*

This bill would establish the Medical Foster Home Pilot Program and would, commencing June 1, 2015, and until January 1, 2018, authorize a United States Department of Veterans Affairs (USDVA) facility to establish a medical foster home that is not subject to licensure or regulation under the California Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly Act provided that specified federal requirements are satisfied, the USDVA facility establishing the home agrees to be subject to the jurisdiction of the California State Auditor, and the USDVA obtains criminal background information for caregivers and specified individuals residing in the home. The bill would state the intent of the Legislature that the California State Auditor, through a request to the Joint Legislative Audit Committee, conduct an audit evaluating the pilot program created by this bill no sooner than January 1, 2016, as specified. ((Senate Veterans Affairs))

AB 1844 Chávez *State militia: armories*

Existing law authorizes the Adjutant General of the state militia to perform all necessary military duties with respect to, and to control, all armories that are built or acquired by the state, and defines armories for the purposes of this authority. This bill would make a technical, nonsubstantive change to the definition of an armory. ((Assembly))

AB 2263 Bradford *Veterans service-advocate: correctional facilities*

This bill would authorize a veterans service organization to volunteer to serve as a veterans service advocate at each facility that is under the jurisdiction of the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation. The advocate would be responsible for developing a veterans economic recidivism prevention plan. The bill would require, in order to assist with the development and execution of that plan, the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to, among other things, provide the advocate with access, subject to restrictions, to inmates who are veterans and to existing resources, as specified, that would assist the advocate in implementing the veterans economic recidivism prevention plan. The bill would require the advocate to coordinate with the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and county veterans service officers, as specified. The bill would define “advocate” and “veteran” for these purposes, and would include a related statement of legislative intent. ((Senate Veterans Affairs))

AB 2664 Quirk-Silva *California National Guard*

This bill would establish the California National Guard Military Family Relief Fund as an account within the California Military Department Support Fund for the purpose of providing financial aid grants to eligible members of the California National Guard who are California residents and who have been called to active duty. The bill would require the department to establish eligibility criteria for the grants by January 1, 2015. The bill would transfer any and all moneys remaining in the California Military Family Relief Fund to the California Military Department Support Fund and would require those moneys to continue to be disbursed in accordance with the original intent of the contributions made by taxpayers to the California Military Families Relief Fund as established under former law. ((Senate Veterans Affairs))

AB 2707 Quirk-Silva *County veterans service officers*

This bill would require the department, no later than January 1, 2015, to develop an allocation formula based upon performance standards that encourage innovation and reward outstanding service by county veterans service officers. The bill would also declare the intent of the Legislature to fund the activities of county veterans service officers, as specified, and to provide an additional \$400,000 for disbursement to the counties to encourage innovation and reward outstanding service by these officers. This bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute. ((Senate Veterans Affairs))

ACR 7 Wagner *Korean War Armistice Day*

This measure would proclaim July 27, 2013, as Korean War Armistice Day. It would urge Californians to remember the Korean War and those who fought against communism. It would also urge Governor Jerry Brown to proclaim July 27, 2013, as Korean War Armistice Day and instruct all state departments, agencies, interested groups, organizations, and individuals to fly the United States flag at

half-mast on July 27, 2013, in memory of the veterans who died as a result of their service in Korea. ((Chaptered by Secretary of State. Res. Chapter 22, Statutes of 2013))

ACR 11 Muratsuchi *Day of Remembrance*

This measure would declare February 19, 2013, as a Day of Remembrance in order to increase public awareness of the events surrounding the internment of Americans of Japanese ancestry during World War II. ((Chaptered by Secretary of State. Res. Chapter 10, Statutes of 2013))

ACR 36 Atkins *Veterans: treatment courts and treatment review calendars*

This measure would encourage all superior courts to consider establishing veterans treatment courts or veterans treatment review calendars to assist troubled veterans who have service-related mental health issues. ((Chaptered by Secretary of State. Res. Chapter 39, Statutes of 2013))

AJR 38 Salas *Fair employment and housing: military and veteran status*

This measure would request Congress to pass and the President to sign into law Senate Bill 1281 and House Resolution 2654, and encourages the members of the California Congressional Delegation to join as co-authors on those measures. ((Senate Veterans Affairs))
