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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

FROM: PDC David Hodgeboom

SUBJECT: Report on Veterans Legislation for the 2024 Legislative Session

- 1) The Veterans Legislative Coalition (VLC) is an independent organization which monitors veteran-related legislation in Washington State. It is made up of 16 separate federally recognized veterans service organizations. The VLC is often confused with the Governor's Veterans Affairs Advisory Committee (VAAC). Both have separate functions.
~ IN THE LAST 10 YEARS, THE VLC HAS WORKED TO PASS 120 BILLS
- 2) The 2024 Washington Legislative Session started on January 8, 2024. Activities of the VLC, however, started in September working with Representative Shavers on a bill for establishing a Veteran's Service Officer in each county. This bill is listed in the Legislative Update.
- 3) Currently there are 25 bills concerning veterans before the Legislature. These bills are still active after the first cutoff date (1/31). Last day for these bills to be read in committee reports in house of origin. The next cutoff date is on February 5th. Last day to read bills into committee reports from House fiscal committees and Senate Ways & Means and Transportation committees in house of origin.
- 4) You can find a daily legislative update of veterans' legislation on WDVA's website. At: <https://www.dva.wa.gov/about-wdva/laws-legislation/legislative-updates> There is a list in the back of the room.

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2024 Session Cutoff Calendar

	Date	Day of Week	Day of Session				
January	8	M	1	— First day of session.			
	9	T	2				
	10	W	3				
	11	Th	4				
	12	F	5				
	13	S	6				
	14	Su	7				
	15	M	8				
	16	T	9				
	17	W	10				
	18	Th	11				
	19	F	12				
	20	S	13				
	21	Su	14				
	22	M	15				
	23	T	16				
	24	W	17				
	25	Th	18				
	26	F	19				
	27	S	20				
	28	Su	21				
	29	M	22				
	30	T	23				
	31	W	24		— Last day to read in committee reports in house of origin, except House fiscal committees and Senate Ways & Means and Transportation committees.		
	February	1	Th			25	
		2	F			26	
		3	S			27	
		4	Su			28	
		5	M			29	— Last day to read in committee reports from House fiscal committees and Senate Ways & Means and Transportation committees in house of origin.
		6	T			30	
		7	W			31	
8		Th	32				
9		F	33				
10		S	34				
11		Su	35				
12		M	36				
13		T	37				
14		W	38	— Last day to consider bills in house of origin (5 p.m.).			
15		Th	39				
16		F	40				
17		S	41				
18		Su	42				
19		M	43				
20		T	44				
21		W	45				
22		Th	46				
23		F	47				
24		S	48				
25		Su	49				
26		M	50				
27		T	51				
28		W	52				
29		Th	53			— Last day to read in opposite house committee reports from House fiscal committees and Senate Ways & Means and Transportation committees.	
March	1	F	54				
	2	S	55				
	3	Su	56				
	4	M	57				
	5	T	58				
	6	W	59				
	7	Th	60				
			— Last day allowed for regular session under state constitution.				

* After 5:00p.m. on the 54th day, only initiatives and alternatives to initiatives, budgets and matters necessary to implement budgets, matters that affect state revenue, messages pertaining to amendments, matters of differences differences between the two houses, and matters incident to the interim and to the closing of the session may be considered.

The Governor has 5 days, if the Legislature is still in session, or 20 days, if the Legislature has adjourned, to take action on any bill passed by the Legislature.