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Sponsor Statement **House Bill 71 – Military Work Experience**

Members of the military bravely serve our nation and protect our nation's values around the world. The rigors of the battlefield can be immense, yet the transition back to civilian life often proves to be another battle. In a 2012 survey, two-thirds of veterans named finding a job as the greatest challenge in the transition from military to civilian life.

House Bill 71 attempts to ease this transition by putting into statute a new subsection of the State Personnel Act allowing veterans, former prisoners of war or members of the national guard to use relevant military experience to meet the basic requirements for state positions.

This is currently allowed in Alaska's personnel policy. However, departmental policies are not always uniformly followed, and administrations and administrators do change over time. By putting this current practice into law, HB71 would ensure those who have sacrificed for our nation will certainty in access to employment opportunities.

I appreciate your consideration of this legislation and ask for your support in its passage.