DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAX Military Pension Subtraction

No

(\$700)

Yes

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Analysis of S.F. 1668 (Rarick) / H.F. 2091 (Sundin)

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F.Y. 2022	F.Y. 2023	F.Y. 2024	F.Y. 2025

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Costs/Savings

(\$600)

General Fund

Effective beginning with tax year 2021.

EXPLANATION OF THE BILL

Current Law: An income tax subtraction is allowed for pension payments or other retirement pay from the federal government for military service. The subtraction is limited to taxpayers who do not claim the credit for past military service.

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Proposed Law: The bill would expand the subtraction to include pension payments from the federal employee retirement system or the civil service retirement system, multiplied by the taxpayer's military service ratio. The military service ratio is the taxpayer's creditable years of military service divided by the taxpayer's total years of service in the pension plan.

The federal employment retirement system and the civil service retirement system allow participants to receive credit for prior military service. Employees must generally pay a deposit based on their years of service and forgo any military pension.

REVENUE ANALYSIS DETAIL

- The estimate is based on information from a sample of 2018 individual income tax returns and pension payments reported on Form 1099-R in 2018.
- About 13,400 returns claimed military pension subtractions totaling \$307 million in 2018. The average subtraction was about \$23,000.
- About 29,400 taxpayers reported pension payments from the U.S. Office of Personnel Management in 2018. Those payments are assumed to be from the civil service retirement system or the federal employee retirement system.
- It is unknown how many of those retirees have creditable military service.
- About 7.3% of civilians have past military service, according to the 2019 American Community Survey 5-year estimates. It is assumed that 7.3% of federal retirees have eligible military service, and that half of those have creditable military service in their pension plans.
- The average military service ratio is assumed to be 35%.
- A marginal rate of 6.0% is assumed.
- A growth rate of 5% was applied to the estimate.
- Tax year impacts are allocated to the following fiscal year.

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REVENUE ANALYSIS DETAIL (Cont.)

Number of Taxpayers: About 1,200 returns would have an average reduction in tax of \$518 in tax year 2021.

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