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To: Office State Actuary, WA
Subject: Retired Teacher Penalty Unfair

Hello;

Mr. Jacob White (DRS) suggested I contact you with an issue I think is extremely unfair to one group of retired teachers.

You'll see his summary of the issue below. The bottom line is that I took a reduced pension when I retired in 2014 so that I could continue to substitute teach. Suddenly (less than 2 years later) the legislature REVERSED that requirement, but made no accommodations for those of us caught up in the original legislation to REVERSE our decisions. It seems very unfair that although I "played by the rules" and made my decision, the legislature can reverse course, but I can't?

Please consider allowing the Washington State retired teachers caught in this mess the opportunity to revisit our decisions. It only seems fair!

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Bill	Y/N	Title	Primary Sponsor	Status as of 03/13/17
SB 5310	Y	Retired teachers/coaches	Hunt	S SWays & Means
HB 1685	Y	Retired teachers as mentors	Santos	H HEducation
SB 5487 S	Y	Retired teachers as mentors	Early Learning & K-12 Edu	S SWays & Means

Issue: Retired Teacher Penalties

Message: I retired at the end the 2014 school year. I wanted to substitute after I retired. In order to substitute I had to take less money in my retirement pension for the rest of my life. This was just in order to sub. In 2016, the legislature reversed that legislature and allowed all teachers in TRS 2 & 3 to substitute without any penalties. I went by the book when I retired in 2014 and played by the rules. Now I wish I had done things differently as I am still being penalized. When this reversal decision was made in 2016, the legislature should have considered us. We are being paid less money than we should be, and we are still subbing. Now teachers are able to retire without a penalty, as there is such a shortage of teachers. This penalty was during my window of retirement time. It seems unfair that my decision cannot be reversed because a legislature reversal forgot to include us.

Response: