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Senator Steve Conway, Chair Members of Select Committee on Pension Policy

The LEOFF 1 Coalition is requesting an amendment to the Statute RCW 41.26.110 (City and county disability boards authorized – Composition - Terms - Reimbursement for travel expenses - Duties) that established Law Enforcement Officers and Fire Fighters disability boards.

RCW 41.26.110 as it currently stands

City and county disability boards authorized - Composition - Terms - Reimbursement for travel expenses—Duties.

- (1) All claims for disability shall be acted upon and either approved or disapproved by either type of disability board authorized to be created in this section.
- (a) Each city having a population of twenty thousand or more shall establish a disability board having jurisdiction over all members employed by those cities and composed of the following five members:...

Proposed amendment to (1)(a) of RCW 41.26.110:

(a) Each city having a population of twenty thousand up to thirty thousand should retain the opportunity if they so desire to create a disability board, but it is not mandatory. A city with a population of 30,000 and above must establish a city LEOFF Plan 1 disability board that has jurisdiction over all members employed by that city.

The amendment adds provisions that require: (1) a city with a population of 30,000 (rather than 20,000) or more to establish a city disability board; (2) a city to maintain its current city disability board if the city has an existing city disability board and has a population of at least 20,000; and (3) a county to operate a county disability board for cities whose population reaches up to 30,000 after the effective date of the bill if the city has never had an existing city disability board.

This amendment does not affect provision boards for RCW 41.20 and RCW 41.16

We respectfully request that the statutes be amended to reflect the population increase for the mandatory disability board.

LEOFF 1 Coalition mails to over 4,000 Law Enforcement Officers, Fire Fighters and beneficiaries.

Sincerely,

Bill Dickinson

LEOFF 1 Coalition President

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