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To: The Select Committee on Pension Policy
Senator Mark Schoesler, Chair

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Respected Members,

The Washington Federation of State Employees, in coalition with Teamsters Local 117, would like to request a study that examines parity of death and disability benefits between the LEOFF 2 and PSERS retirement systems.

In the last legislative session HB 2533 considered full parity of benefits between the LEOFF and PSERS systems in the event that an employee was catastrophically injured or killed in the line of duty. Our members have indicated that they would highly value this benefit improvement and they believe that their duties justify parity between the systems. The peace of mind that a benefit like this would bring to them and their families would validate putting themselves in harm's way for the sake of the public they serve.

It is our hope that the study would:

1. Compare the death and disability benefits between the LEOFF and PSERS retirement systems.
2. Provide pricing for each type of benefit that the LEOFF system has that the PSERS system does not.
3. Provide options and cost estimates of the death and disability benefit increases for the PSERS retirement system which are currently contained in the LEOFF system, that could be considered in potential legislation.
4. Present the requested study prior to the December SCPP meeting.

Thank you for considering our request. Please contact us with any questions or comments.

Best regards,

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