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Sent: Tuesday, October 3, 2023 5:38 PM
To: Office State Actuary, WA
Subject: Re: 6/20/2023 meeting - constituent discussion

Categories: Lindsey

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Good afternoon,

I have been monitoring the SCPP discussions and I still am unaware of any direction in regards to my requests. As I have indicated previously, I started in the code industry at 25 years of age in 2001 and, if I wait until 65 to retire, I will have served various communities for 40+ years and life expectancy for Americans is around 76 years old, based on current figures from the Social Security Administration.

I will have 30 years of service credits at age 55 and I would very much like to retire at this age with no deductions for retiring before 65. LEOFF members are afforded this opportunity at 53 yrs of age.

Thank you,

Dave Swasey

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Thank you for your interest in the work of the SCPP.

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From: Dave S. <brahmalonghorn@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 21, 2023 6:57 PM
To: @SCPP Members <SCPPMBRS@leg.wa.gov>; Gutierrez, Aaron <Aaron.Gutierrez@leg.wa.gov>
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Subject: 6/20/2023 meeting - constituent discussion

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Good evening,

I am the Building Official who wrote the letter/email on February 15th asking for PERS retirement ages to be re-evaluated for Code Officials. It seems during your meeting, yesterday, my inquiries and requests were not fully understood so please allow me to elaborate.

My inquires/requests were not to include Code Officials in the LEOFF program but instead to:

- Evaluate the number of code officials that will have contributed 30 years of service, minimum, before the age of 65.
- Develop a plan (based on the analysis above) within the next 5 years for a PERS affiliated process to afford those Code Officials with 30 or more credit years to retire after the age of 53 without deductions in retirement amounts (as LEOFF participants are afforded the opportunity to do) but do all of this through the PERS programs.
- Revise PERS plans so those with more than 25 credit years can be afforded a reduced deduction rate from the age 65 back to the date they would like to retire, if they choose to retire early. It is currently a 3% deduction for every year before the age of 65, as you are aware. Could this be revised to allow those at 25 years to retire early with a 1% reduction instead of 3%, or some other reasonable alternative?
- **(NEW)** Another idea is to grant a certain level of credit years to those Veterans who have served in the military and have an honorable discharge. I am not speaking about service credits for those called back into active duty but those who completed their agreed time to their EAOS and left the military in good standing.

For clarity, Code Officials would include the following positions, or those similar thereto:

- Building Official (including Chief, Deputy, Assistant and Senior classifications)
- Building Code Administrator or Code Administrator
- Building Services Supervisor
- Building Inspector (including Senior, Supervisor, II, III and Combination classifications)
- Mechanical Inspector (including Senior, Supervisor, II, III and Combination classifications)
- Plumbing Inspector (including Senior, Supervisor, II, III and Combination classifications)
- Accessibility Inspector ((including Senior, Supervisor, II, III and Combination classifications)
- Fire Inspector (non-LEOFF participants) (including Senior, Supervisor, II, III and Combination classifications)
- Plans Examiner or Plans Reviewer (including Senior, Supervisor, II, and III classifications)
- Code Compliance or Code Enforcement Officer (including Senior, Supervisor, II and III classifications)
- Permit Technician/ or Permit Coordinator (including Senior, Supervisor, II and III classifications)

I was hoping to attend the SCPP Committee Meeting yesterday to give public comment but was unable to; I did review the materials and listened to the audio recording. Thank you to Pat Thompson for asking about a response back to constituents about inquiries. I do believe that a response to constituents explaining what the item was and how it was addressed/answered is important for the constituent to 1) know the item was discussed, thoughtfully, and (2) know how the item was addressed and if it cannot be addressed then why and/or who the constituent needs to talk to if the SCPP Committee is not the appropriate avenue. I will add that I did reach out to my in-state representatives, as well as the Governor and the DRS. through DRS my letter was sent to the SCPP Committee.

Also, Thank you to Director Guerin for moving my letter/email up to the SCPP Committee for discussion and consideration.

Thank you for your time,

Dave Swasey

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