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Aaron,

The committee moved on to executive session before making a next step determination. I think chairman Senator Schoesler had a good question regarding which way all the disability boards operate. Since we were not able to see what the AWC and Counties had submitted that morning, does that include a full accounting of how many require covered LEOFF1 members pay bills and then submit copies for reimbursement? How about how often and what triggers a disability board meeting? Answers to these questions would help the SCPP and all stakeholders help understand the significance the relative significance of the issue.

As I testified, personally I have not had a problem with SeaTac's program which requests receipt of a bill and payment of same for medical and prescriptions. However, I have not submitted any huge bills which are not uncommon in today's health care industry. I think this could be a particular problem for surviving spouses for example.

Personally, I think there could be some middle ground such as DRS creating a recommended guideline for operation vs a mandate. The law is pretty clear the boards are autonomous and I don't think we should try to change that however, guidelines on certain issues might help boards organize their program. Perhaps we could meet with the AWC and county association to help develop guidelines. The intent of the request for remedy is definitely not intended to create any additional costs to jurisdictions, particularly in these times of financial impact from COVID shutdowns.

The RFFOW is holding a board meeting next Wednesday. Would it be possible to get an electronic copy of the AWC and county submittals? Thanks for your work on this issue.

Best Regards,

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