

October 13, 2020

Senator Mark Schoesler

Dear Senator,

When I received the agenda for the Select Committee on Pension Policy and the SPPP Executive Committee meetings on October 20, 2020 I noticed there was no listing for a continued discussion and consideration regarding the payment of medical bills for LEOFF I retirees under RCW 41.26.150.

As you remember there is no consistence in how these medical bills are paid among the approximate eighty-one LEOFF I Disability Boards across the State.

Some of the boards require the member to pre-pay the medical bills out of pocket and apply for a reimbursement. I can assure you this was not the legislative intent when the statute was passed. Some boards after approving the medical bill forward the bill to the employer for payment as stipulated in RCW 41.26.150.

After discussion there was no action by the board at the September meeting. I didn't have the impression that the issue was tabled due to the fact that you requested me to provide some additional information I assumed for the October meeting. I do have some additional information, some I will forward to Aaron in writing hoping it will be given to the members of the committee before the meeting and some I will address if I am able to testify during the virtual meeting on October 20, 2020.

I respectfully request you to add this issue to the October meeting agenda or allow it to be addressed under No. 7 "Other Business."

Thanks you for your consideration of this request.

Respectfully

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President RFFOW