Select Committee on Pension Policy

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REGULAR COMMITTEE MEETING
December 16, 2008
DRAFT MINUTES

The Select Committee on Pension Policy met in Senate Hearing Room 4, Olympia, Washington on December 16, 2008.

Committee members attending:

Senator Schoesler, Chair	Robert Keller
Representative Conway, Vice Chair	Sandra Matheson
Representative Bailey	Corky Mattingly
Don Carlson	Doug Miller
Randy Davis	Glenn Olson
Representative Fromhold	Pat Thompson
Senator Hobbs	David Westberg
Senator Holmquist (tele conf.)	

Senator Schoesler, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

(1) APROVAL OF MINUTES

***It was moved, seconded, and carried to**: Approve the Regular Committee Meeting November 18, 2008, Draft Minutes.*

(2) ADOPT 2009 MEETING DATES

Kelly Burkhart, Administrative Services Manager, reviewed the Proposed 2009 SCPP Dates.

***It was moved and seconded to**: Adopt the Proposed 2009 Meeting Dates.* Discussion followed.

Bob Keller moved to amend the motion to include August 18, 2009, in the Proposed 2009 Meeting Dates. Seconded. Discussion followed.

Chair Schoesler asked for a show of hands: eight nay, seven yea.

MOTION FAILED.

***It was moved, seconded, and carried to**: Adopt the Proposed 2009 SCPP Meeting Dates.*

Representative Barbara Bailey

***Don Carlson**
TRS Retirees

Lois Clement
PERS Retirees

***Representative Steve Conway, Vice Chair**

Representative Larry Crouse

Charles E. Cuzzetto
TRS and SERS Employers

Randy Davis
TRS Actives

Representative Bill Fromhold

Senator Steve Hobbs

Senator Janea Holmquist

Robert Keller
PERS Actives

***Sandra J. Matheson,** Director
Department of Retirement Systems

***Corky Mattingly**
PERS Employers

Doug Miller
PERS Employers

Victor Moore, Director
Office of Financial Management

Senator Ed Murray

Glenn Olson
PERS Employers

***Senator Mark Schoesler, Chair**

J. Pat Thompson
PERS Actives

***David Westberg**
SERS Actives

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(3) UPDATE ON LEOFF 1 MEDICAL STUDY

Sandra Matheson, Director, Department of Retirement Systems, presented the "Update on LEOFF 1 Medical Study."

No action taken.

(4) UPDATE ON VOLUNTARY ACCOUNTS STUDY

Sandra Matheson, Director, Department of Retirement Systems, presented the "Update on Voluntary Accounts Study."

No action taken.

(5) UPDATE ON WASHINGTON STATE PATROL GOVERNANCE STUDY

Jane Sakson, Budget Assistant to the Governor, Office of Financial Management, presented the "Update on Washington State Patrol Governance Study."

No action taken.

(6) DISABILITY BENEFITS

Dave Nelsen, Senior Policy Analyst, reported on "Disability Benefits."

No action taken.

(7) PRE-LEOFF SURVIVOR BENEFITS

Darren Painter, Policy Analyst, reported on "Pre-LEOFF Survivor Benefits."

***It was moved, seconded, and carried to**: Recommend "Pre-LEOFF Survivor Benefits" bill draft Z-0765.2 to the 2009 Legislature.*

Public testimony given by:
Dick Warbrouck, Retired Firefighters of Washington

(8) INTERRUPTIVE MILITARY SERVICE CREDIT

Laura Harper, Policy and Research Services Manager, reported on "Interruptive Military Service Credit."

***It was moved and seconded to**: Recommend Option 3 ,"Interruptive Military Service Credit" bill draft to the 2009 Legislature.* Discussion followed.

***It was moved and seconded to amend the motion to**: Recommend Option 4, "Interruptive Military Service Credit" bill draft to the 2009 Legislature.*
Discussion followed.

***It was moved, seconded, and carried to**: Recommend Option 4, "Interruptive Military Service Credit" bill draft to the 2009 Legislature.*

Public testimony given by:
Steve Nelsen, Executive Director, LEOFF Plan 2 Retirement Board

(9) $150,000 Death Benefits

Darren Painter, reported on "$150,000 Death Benefits."

***It was moved, seconded, and carried to**: Recommend Option 4, "$150,000 Death Benefits" bill draft to the 2009 Legislature.*

Public testimony given by:
Dick Warbrouck, Retired Firefighters of Washington
Steve Nelsen, Director, LEOFF Plan 2 Retirement Board

(10) PLAN 1 COLA

Darren Painter, reported on "Plan 1 COLA."

***It was moved and seconded to**: Recommend Proposal 1, "Plan 1 COLA" bill draft to the 2009 Legislature.* Discussion followed.
Member Carlson requested a roll call vote. Seconded.
Chair Schoesler requested a roll call vote: eight nay, seven yea.
MOTION FAILED.

Public testimony given by:
Leslie Main, Washington State School Retirees' Association
Casandra de la Rosa, Retired Public Employees Council
Randy Parr, Washington Education Association

(11) DISABILITY BENEFITS

Dave Nelsen, reported on "Disability Benefits."

***It was moved and seconded to**: Recommend" Option 3, "Disability Benefits" bill draft to the 2009 Legislature.* Discussion followed.
***It was moved, seconded, and carried to amend the motion to**: Ask staff to draft an amendment to Option 3 which would include OSA support.*
, ***It was moved, seconded, and carried to:** Recommend Option 5, the amended Option 3 "Disability Benefits" bill draft to the 2009 Legislature.*

Public testimony given by:
Randy Parr, Washington Education Association
Matt Zuvich, Washington Federation of State Employees
Leslie Main, Washington State School Retirees' Association

(12) CHANGE MEMBERSHIP DEFAULT FOR PLANS 2/3

Dave Nelsen, reported on "Change Membership Default for Plans 2/3."

***It was moved, seconded, and carried to**: Recommend Option 2,"Change Membership Default for Plans 2/3" bill draft to the 2009 Legislature.*

Public testimony given by:
Randy Parr, Washington Education Association

(13) FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE CREDIT TRANSFER

Dave Nelsen, reported on Fish and Wildlife Service Credit Transfer.

***It was moved, seconded, and carried to**: Recommend "Fish and Wildlife Service Credit Transfer" bill draft to the 2009 Legislature.*

Public testimony given by:
Matt Zuvich, Washington Federation of State Employees
Bruce Bjork, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

The chair concluded the formal agenda at 1:30 p.m.

***Member Carlson moved:** That staff be directed to make the Assistant Attorney General opinion letter dated October 16, 2008, referred to as, "Impact on - Gain-sharing Litigation of Proposals for Plan 1 COLAs and Repeal of Penalty for Plan 2/3 Post-Retirement on November Employment if ERFF Benefit Utilized," given to the Executive Committee, be made available.* Seconded.
Chair Schoesler ruled the motion out of order. Discussion followed.
It was moved, seconded and carried to: *Go into Executive Session to discuss the motion that was tabled at the November 18, 2008, Executive Committee meeting.*

Chair Schoesler adjourned the meeting to go into Executive Session at 1:32 p.m.

The Full Committee meeting commenced at 2:10 p.m.

Representative Conway thanked Representative Fromhold for his service and dedication to the SCPP and his involvement and dedication to the Legislature.

In turn, Chair Schoesler thanked Representative Fromhold for his public service and thanked members, staff, and the public, for their efforts this past year.

The meeting adjourned at 2:17 p.m.

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