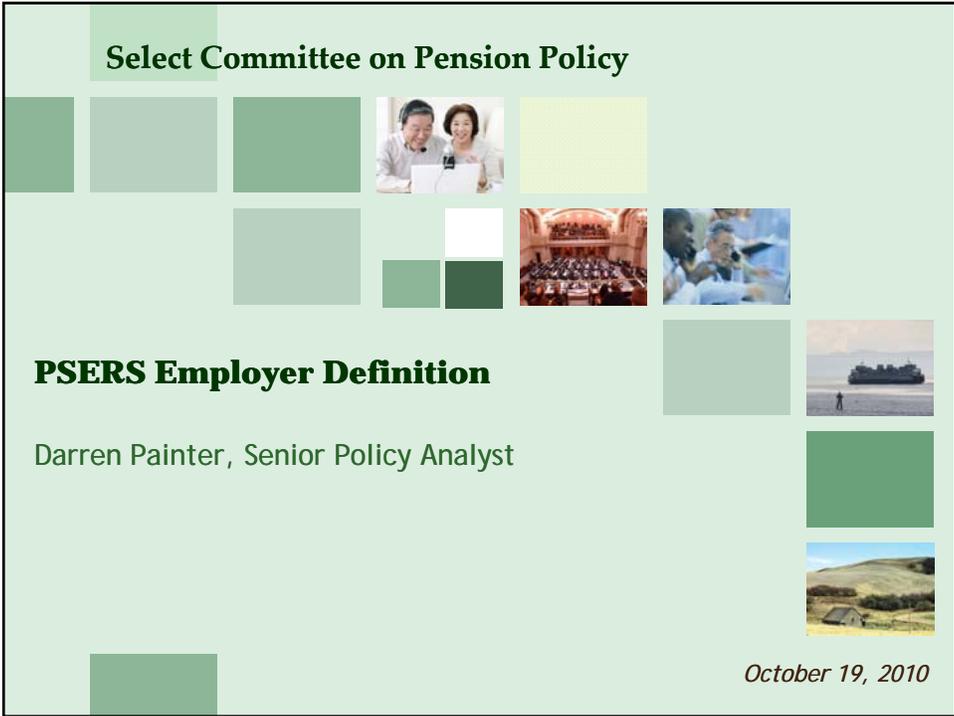


Select Committee on Pension Policy



PSERS Employer Definition

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Statutory Fix Needed To Maintain Existing Policy

- Corrections officers working for a new jail will be excluded from PSERS membership
- Jails created by interlocal agreement don't qualify as PSERS employers
- Agency operating the new jail is requesting a statutory change
 - Make them a PSERS employer
 - Allow their corrections officers in PSERS
- Maintains existing pension policy



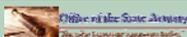
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SCORE Is A Multi-Jurisdictional Agency

- SCORE
- Created under interlocal agreement
 - Auburn, Burien, Des Moines, Federal Way, Renton, SeaTac, Tukwila
 - Build and operate a shared jail
- Facility opens in the fall of 2011
- Employ 124 full-time corrections officers
 - Includes PSERS members transferring from other city jails



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PSERS Covers Limited Authority Enforcement Officers

- PSERS created for public employees with limited law enforcement authority
- PSERS provides
 - Earlier retirement age and enhanced disability benefits
 - Compared to PERS
- PSERS membership determined by duty and employer
 - City and county corrections officers are included in PSERS membership
 - SCORE corrections officers meet duty requirements

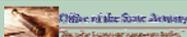


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SCORE Corrections Officers Will Be In PERS

- PSERS employer definition doesn't include jails created by interlocal agreement
- SCORE doesn't qualify as a PSERS employer
 - Created by interlocal agreement
 - Sets SCORE apart from other local jails
- Staff not aware of other similarly situated facilities



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SCORE Proposal Maintains Existing Policy

- SCORE is asking for an amendment to the PSERS employer definition to include jails created by interlocal agreement
 - Places SCORE corrections officers in PSERS
- Consistent with SCPP and Legislature's intent to include local corrections officers in PSERS
- Does not expand PSERS membership
- Maintains existing pension policy



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Next Steps

- Executive Committee has scheduled this for possible public hearing and executive action today
- Material include
 - Bill draft
 - Draft fiscal note
 - No cost