

Select Pension Bills Impacting State Administered Retirement Systems							
Brief Title	Bill	A	Requested by / Sponsor	Brief Description	Cost (\$ in millions)	Immediate Rate Impact? ¹	Status as of May 7 ²
<i><u>Bills That Passed The Legislature</u></i>							
Past Part-Time Service Credit	<u>HB 1541</u> SB 5302		SCPP	Provides half-time service credit to certain PERS and SERS Plans 2/3 members who worked for an educational employer prior to January 1, 1987.	\$0.1	No	Gov. signed, C 103 L 10
HECB Proposal	<u>SHB 1545</u> SB 5308	A	SCPP	Authorizes the Higher Education Coordinating Board to offer participation in higher education retirement plans to certain employees.	(\$0.5)	No	Gov. signed, C 21 L 10
Public Safety Duty-Related Death Benefits	<u>EHB 2519</u> SB 6407	A	L2 Board	Improves duty-related death benefits for police and fire fighters in pension systems, workers compensation, and higher education.	\$45.9	Yes	Gov. signed, C 261 L 10
LEOFF 2 Shared Leave	HB 2492 <u>SB 6453</u>		L2 Board	Requires DRS to include employer-authorized shared leave in the calculation of retirement system benefits for members of LEOFF 2.	Ind.	No	Gov. signed, C 50 L 10
LEOFF 2 and WSPRS Total Disability	<u>SHB 1679</u> SB 5541	A	L2 Board	Reimburses members of LEOFF Plan 2 and WSPRS who are totally disabled in the line of duty for payments of certain medical insurance premiums.	\$80.1	Yes	Gov. signed, C 259 L 10

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PERS 1 Military Service Credit	<u>SHB 2196</u>	A	Ericks	Allows PERS Plan 1 members to use service credit transferred from LEOFF Plan 1 to qualify for free military service credit.	\$0.3	No	Gov. signed, C 260 L 10
VFFRPF Retiree "Rehire"	<u>HB 2823</u>		Kristiansen	Authorizes certain retired participants to resume volunteer firefighter, emergency worker, or reserve officer service while receiving a pension.	\$ 0.6 annually	Yes	Gov. signed, C 60 L 10
Furloughs	<u>ESSB 6503</u>	A	Prentice	Requires state agencies to reduce employment costs during the 2009-11 Biennium. Also requires DRS to include in the calculation of AFC compensation forgone due to furloughs and other cost reduction measures.	\$0.0	No	Gov. signed, C 32 L 10, 1st Sp. Session
<i>Bills That Did Not Pass The Legislature</i>							
Duty-Related Death Benefit	<u>2EHB 1547</u> SB 5312	A	SCPP/L2 Board	Increases the lump sum duty-related death benefit for public employees from \$150,000 to \$214,000.	\$13.7	No	HB passed House SB not heard in Senate
PERS Plan 2/3 Default	<u>HB 1722</u> <u>SB 5307</u>		SCPP	Changes the default plan from Plan 3 to Plan 2 for members of <u>PERS only</u> who do not choose a plan.	(\$50.8)	No	HB not heard in House SB heard in Senate W&M
LEOFF 1 Survivor Benefits	<u>SB 6078</u>		Prentice/ Endorsed by SCPP	Allows survivors of active members to receive the greater of 50% of the members' AFC or the members earned benefit at the time of death.	\$3.0	No	Not heard in Senate

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Court Commissioners	HB 1742 <u>ESB 5523</u>	A	Goodman/Hobbs	Provides additional optional benefits to PERS court commissioners, and address employer funding of additional benefits for some judges in PERS Plan 3.	\$3.1	No	HB not heard in House SB passed Senate
McNeil Island Firefighters	<u>HB 3190</u>		Kelley	Authorizes membership in LEOFF Plan 2 for firefighters employed by the department of corrections at McNeil Island.	\$0.7	No	Not heard in House
PERS, TRS, and SERS Plan 2/3 Default	<u>SB 6516</u>		Hobbs	Changes the default plan from Plan 3 to Plan 2 for members of <u>PERS, TRS, and SERS</u> who do not choose a plan.	(\$60.5)	No	Heard in Senate W&M
Local Govt. Furloughs	<u>SB 6742</u>		Pridemore	Modifies the definition AFC in PERS to include salary foregone by members due to time off without pay (e.g. furloughs) between January 1, 2009, and June 30, 2009.	\$6.4	No	Passed Senate W&M
TRS 1 Retiree Rehire (Hi. Ed.)	<u>SB 6836</u>		Honeyford	Allows TRS 1 retirees to work for a state institution of higher education in a non-instructional capacity for an unlimited amount of hours without having their pension suspended.	Ind.	Ind.	Not heard in Senate

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Other Pension And Non-Pension Bills of Interest ¹					
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Boards and Commissions	<u>E2SHB 2617</u> ESSB 6426	A	Governor	Eliminates certain boards and commissions, and enacts per diem and travel guidelines and restrictions.	Gov. signed, C 7 L 10, 1st Sp. Session
Fire Protection Director	HB 2862 <u>SB 6546</u>		Van de Wege / Pridemore	Allows the state director of fire protection to continue membership in LEOFF 2.	Gov. signed, C 80 L 10
2009-11 Supplemental Operating Budget	<u>ESSB 6444</u>	A	Governor	Section 105 requires OSA to contract with WSIPP to continue the study of long-term disability benefits for public employees.	Gov. signed, C 37 L 10, 1st Sp. Session
<i>Bills That Did Not Pass The Legislature</i>					
Plan 2/3 Disability Study	<u>HB 2919</u> <u>SB 6493</u>		SCPP	Requires WSIPP to continue the study for long-term disability benefits for public employees.	HB not heard in House SB heard in Senate W&M
Judges Retirement (Constitution)	<u>HJR 4216</u>		Moeller	Proposes an amendment to the Constitution to eliminate the mandatory retirement age for judges (see also HB 2489).	Not heard in House
Judges Retirement	<u>HB 2489</u>		Moeller	Removes the mandatory retirement age for judges (see also HJR 4216).	Not heard in House
VFFRPF Administration	<u>HB 2825</u> <u>SB 6592</u>		Governor	Transfers administration of the Volunteer Firefighters and Reserve Officers Relief and Pension Fund to DRS.	HB not heard in House SB not heard in Senate
TRS Salary Bonuses	<u>HB 3097</u>		Quall	Expands the categories of members eligible to receive salary bonuses for achieving national certification in their field.	Not heard in House

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Slayer Definition	HB 3110 SSB 6309	A	Klippert/Carrell	Amends definition of "slayer" to include persons acquitted by reason of insanity. (<i>Slayers are prohibited from collecting survivor benefits from retirement systems.</i>)	HB not heard in House SB passed Senate
Pre-LEOFF Survivors	<u>HB 3153</u>		Conway	Specifies that retirees in the pre-LEOFF firefighters plan who marry on or after July 1, 2009, have a one-year window to designate a spouse as a survivor beneficiary.	Passed House W&M
Pre-LEOFF Tax Allocations	<u>HB 2987</u>		Simpson	Requires cities that enter into a regional fire protection service authority to certify the number of paid firefighters and continue to receive tax allocations to pay all obligations for retired firefighters.	Passed House and Senate W&M
Minimum Contribution Rates (Constitution)	<u>SJR 8223</u>		Schoesler	Proposes an amendment to the Constitution requiring an extraordinary majority of the Legislature to reduce actuarially required employer contributions for contractual benefits in state retirement systems.	Not heard in Senate
Charter Schools	<u>SB 6596</u>		Kastama	Authorizes innovation partnership schools and allows employees to be covered by state retirement systems.	Not heard in Senate

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