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PLAN 2 RETIREMENT BOARD

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To: Board Members, Select Committee on Pension Policy
Judy Schurke, Department of Labor & Industries
Matt Smith, Office of the State Actuary

From: Kelly Fox, Chairman of the Board

Re: 2012 Interim Issues

The Law Enforcement Officers' and Fire Fighters' Plan 2 Retirement Board (LEOFF 2 Board), would like to thank you for the cooperative working relationship we have shared over the years and look forward to a similar partnership in the upcoming year.

There are two topics I'd like to bring to your attention as we all begin preparations for the 2012 interim. It is our hope that the Select Committee on Pension Policy (SCPP), Office of the State Actuary (OSA), Labor and Industries (L&I) and the LEOFF 2 Board can work cooperatively on these issues. I have provided a brief summary of each topic for your reference:

SHB 1552 Garnishment (SCPP)

Governor Gregoire has asked the SCPP to review and make recommendations to the Legislature as to whether additional exceptions to the general exemption of pensions from garnishment would be appropriate, and if so, what level of garnishment would be appropriate. The LEOFF 2 Board would like to work collaboratively with the SCPP on this issue.

2ESB 6378 Risk Class Study (SCPP and L&I)

The bill requests SCPP and L&I to study the issue of risk classifications of employees in the Washington state retirement systems that entail either high degrees of physical or psychological risk to the members' own safety or unusually high physical requirements that result in elevated risks of injury or disablement for older employees. The LEOFF 2 Board would like clarification as to whether LEOFF members would be included in this study, and if so, request to collaborate in the effort, and be included in the distribution of the findings.

Should you have any question, please feel free to contact me at (360) 943-3030 or pres@wscff.org. You may also contact Steve Nelsen, LEOFF 2 Board Executive Director, at (360) 586-2320 or steve.nelsen@leoff.wa.gov.

We would be happy to meet with you to discuss these topics at an upcoming SCPP or LEOFF Plan 2 Retirement Board meeting. Thank you for your consideration and we look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kelly L Fox". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "K" and "F".

Kelly Fox
Chairman of the Board