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In Sept, after the letters came in about Rule 90, there was discussion about the topic. Randy Parr even testified that he had research that **shows it saves money**. So there was some talk.....at the full committee meeting. Then at the executive committee meeting the 2 leading conservatives (***Representative Barbara Bailey** and **Senator Mark Schoesler**) did not want to hear anything about it. The discussion was effectively ended on the Rule 90 topic for the time being.

Staff that is doing the report required by legislation on "older less effective classroom employees" will be **presenting a report in Nov** to the full committee for approval, which then goes to legislature in Jan. The basic message of this report is that pension policy might not be the best way to deal with this issue. I was trying to tie in the rule 90 with the report and we did get it mentioned but, that is all. I have seen the draft of the report and it does no harm, might actually be useful to keep bringing the topic back up. It is suppose to be on the website somewhere but I can't find it.

Really, until we get some more **militant action by any group of teachers i.e. coming and testifying, postcards, letters for an extended time and lobbying, nothing much is going to occur**. It is going to take some time and long term effort but, it is hard to get younger teachers concerned about pension issues.

Please help all teachers, there is **87,000 of us** and we have the oldest retirement system in the state and now we have the worst. We need to improve this to a true 90 ASAP. The Teachers in the State of Washington have had to pack this State for the last 35 years. Gov. Dan Evans borrowed from our retirement funds and then started plan 2 because the State could not repay us. Then they took 408 million again in 2007. But when all is good and everyone is making money, no one looks at paying us back or making a retirement system again. No they take furlough days, as leader of WEA we need this to be you're top priority, to get a retirement system back in place.

New teachers will leave this profession as they are required to have more certificates and they do not want to teach until the age of 65. Charter schools might be needed, as they might be able to get a retirement system in before the age of 65.

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