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Washington State Select Committee on Pension Policy
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Chair Conway:

As you know, I held some stakeholder conversations this year on the topic of PSERS, the objective being exploration of getting PSERS benefits closer to LEOFF benefits. Within that context, stakeholders raised several potential issues that the legislature could study to inform the discussion:

1. Lowering the PSERS retirement age
2. Allowing dual PERS/PSERS members to transfer/consolidate their PERS service into PSERS
 - a. With or without some degree of subsidization by the plan
3. Allowing dual members to retire in both plans as soon as they are eligible to retire in one plan
4. Providing PSERS members with duty-related disability benefits similar, or identical to LEOFF 2

I respectfully request that the executive committee consider, and staff research, relevant opportunities such as those above during the 2019 interim.

Sincerely,

Steve Hobbs
Senator, 44th Legislative District

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