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Select Committee on Pension Policy
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Dear Representative Fitzgibbon and Senator Bailey

I'm contacting you on behalf of the King County Juvenile Detention Guild to respectfully request the Select Committee on Pension Policy to consider exploring options to address the inequities and uncertainty facing retirees with dual membership in both PSERS and PERS II.

As the SPCC heard in comments at its June and July meetings, while dual members can combine service credit in other member systems to become eligible for retirement, the amount of the benefit received is determined by the rules of each individual system, leading to disparities in retirement options for dual membership employees.

In August, Senator Hans Zeiger wrote to the SCPP to request the committee to consider allowing dual membership employees to transfer PERS II into PSERS, and to be able to collect full retirement benefits without a reduction to PERS II benefits. With current reduction factors, juvenile corrections officers can retire early in PSERS, but must wait several years longer to collect enough PERS II benefits or take a substantial reduction in PERS II monies.

We respectfully urge the committee to support Sen. Zeiger's request for review of this retirement dilemma challenging the officers who skillfully and diligently work daily with King County's most dangerous juvenile offenders.

Sincerely,

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