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#	Responses	Date
1	Our retirement plans should not be held a hostage or put in jeopardy due to the states poor planning.	8/29/2016 4:05 PM
2	As a dual member this may someday benefit me by bridging the gap between my PERS 2 and LEOFF2 retirement programs. At the time of my change from PERS to LEOFF I was given an opportunity to "pay the difference" to change all my time to LEOFF time. Will those who benefit from the merging of these systems have a similar requirement?	8/19/2016 11:52 AM

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3	<p>I would encourage you to go to the LEOFF 2 site and read the "Merger Study" "Educational Briefing". I think that after reading the briefing you will agree with me that the proposed LEOFF 1 merger with TRS 1 systems is a Legislator/politicians money grab at LEOFF 1 to fund the underfunded and failing TRS 1 system. I've pulled a few excerpts from the "Merger Study" that I have placed below, however I do encourage you to read the entire document. The proposed LEOFF 1 merger with TRS 1 systems is a Legislator/politicians money grab at LEOFF 1 to fund the underfunded and failing TRS 1 system. June 22, 2016 LEOFF Plan 2 "Merger Study" "Senate Bill 6668 in 2016 proposed merging LEOFF Plan 1 with the Teachers' Retirement System (TRS) Plan 1 and reducing the State contributions to pay the unfunded liability in TRS Plan 1." It is my opinion that the employers of the TRS 1 system are often times also members of the TRS 1 system, and that they knowingly did not pay enough into their own system to support the benefits promised and now the system is failing and they are looking to raid LEOFF to bail it out. LEOFF 1 is solvent, LEOFF 2 is solvent let us keep it that way. June 22, 2016 LEOFF Plan 2 "Merger Study" "No State, member or employer contributions for LEOFF Plan 1 have been required since 2001 because of the positive funding status of the plan. Contributions to LEOFF Plan 1 could be reinstated if the plan's funding status decreased due to adverse investment or actuarial experience. Any potential future member contributions would not be significant due to the low number of members currently active in the plan so the responsibility for any potential future funding requirements would fall on LEOFF employers and the State. The funding ratio of the new plan will be lower than the funding status of LEOFF Plan 1 because LEOFF Plan 1 currently has the highest funding ratio in the State." It is my understanding that one of the legislator's pushing for the LEOFF 1 – TRS 1 merger is himself a retired teacher in the TRS 1 system. What governmental body makes up the membership of "The Select Committee on Pension Policy (SCPP)? State Legislators! If you don't believe me, check for yourself. What does the (SCPP) do? June 22, 2016 LEOFF Plan 2 "Merger Study" "The Select Committee on Pension Policy (SCPP) recommends policy changes for the other state retirement plans. The Pension Funding Council adopts contribution rates for the other state retirement plans." June 22, 2016 LEOFF Plan 2 "Merger Study" "Mergers in the private sector are typically arm's length transactions between two different plans with separate governing bodies and separate plan sponsors. The trustees of each plan have a fiduciary responsibility to ensure that a proposed merger is in the best interest of their plan's members and negotiate the terms of the merger accordingly. But, there are no governing boards for any of the state-administered public pension plans in Washington other than LEOFF Plan 2. If the State is the plan sponsor for both plans in a merger and if there are no fiduciaries Plan Merger Page 5 Educational Briefing, June 22, 2016 responsible for looking out for the interests of the plan members, then there is a risk that only the State's interests will be represented." Again "No State, member or employer contributions for LEOFF Plan 1 have been required since 2001 because of the positive funding status of the plan. Contributions to LEOFF Plan 1 could be reinstated if the plan's funding status decreased due to adverse investment or actuarial experience. Any potential future member contributions would not be significant due to the low number of members currently active in the plan so the responsibility for any potential future funding requirements would fall on LEOFF employers and the State. The funding ratio of the new plan will be lower than the funding status of LEOFF Plan 1 because LEOFF Plan 1 currently has the highest funding ratio in the State." Who's interest's would the (SCPP) be protecting? LEOFF 2 is the only system that has a fiduciary board and that is our protection from the politicians in Olympia. June 22, 2016 LEOFF Plan 2 "Merger Study" "Initiative 790 in 2003 (C. 2, laws of 2004) created the Law Enforcement Officers' and Fire Fighters' Plan 2 Retirement Board. Board members are fiduciaries to LEOFF Plan 2 and their duties include: adopting member, employer and state contribution rates for the plan; adopting the actuarial assumptions for the plan; and, recommending policy changes regarding the plan to the Legislature. LEOFF Plan 2 is currently the only state-administered retirement plan with a fiduciary oversight board." "The Select Committee on Pension Policy (SCPP) recommends policy changes for the other state retirement plans. The Pension Funding Council adopts contribution rates for the other state retirement plans." Is the better answer that LEOFF 1 and LEOFF 2 merge? I submit that the Answer is YES! June 22, 2016 LEOFF Plan 2 "Merger Study" "House Bill 2350/Senate Bill 6563 in 2012 proposed merging LEOFF Plan 1 with LEOFF Plan 2 and reducing the State contribution to the merged plan. That bill was recommended by the LEOFF Plan 2 Retirement Board did not pass the legislature. I am concerned that merging TRS 1 with LEOFF 1, will bankrupt LEOFF 1, and then transfer the unfunded liability to the State and employers, expanding that TRS 1 employer group(the School Districts) to include the former employers of the LEOFF 1 members which are the Cities and Counties. Merging LEOFF 1 with TRS 1 is BAD math and BAD policy, and shouldn't be done.</p>	8/8/2016 10:52 AM
4	LEOFF is LEOFF and TRS is TRS, DO NOT MIX the two of them.	8/1/2016 9:45 PM
5	It is not the obligation of the retirement system, particularly the police and fire, to salvage the irresponsible spending of the legislature!	7/30/2016 12:37 PM
6	Legislature, please hear our concerns. thank you.	7/29/2016 3:39 PM
7	Why do we not consider suing the State to take over control of the LEOFF 1 pension system? Have the members hire some other pension entity or management company to safeguard our funds.	7/28/2016 1:47 PM
8	I'd like to point out that the unfunded liability in TRS 1 is an obligation of the state, not of our retired firefighters and law enforcement officers. Legislators like to talk about accountability when it applies to others, but where's the accountability for their failure to balance the supplemental budget without raiding retired cops' and firefighter's pension money?	7/26/2016 10:09 AM

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9	If the reason for the merger is the extra moneys we have in our funding, then pass a regulation that when our funding reaches over 103 percent the overage should be divided among the members in the plan, This would happen every year that the plan is over that percent. This would benefit the members and keep the legislature's eyes off of our plan. They laughingly want to bribe us with 5,000 bucks. but if the plan were split between us we should receive almost 7 to 9 times that amount. Is there a reason the plan is not ours to regulate?	7/23/2016 6:04 PM
10	Nuff said.	7/21/2016 11:34 PM
11	Please find another way to get the teachers fund built up	7/21/2016 10:02 PM
12	Though my comments my not be personalized, I believe in them very strongly. Please consider the position that I and many of my union brothers and sisters share. Thank you for your time.	7/21/2016 6:30 PM
13	So if this plan continues, how are you going to fully fund LEOFF1 after robbing our surplus? You people on government need to live within a budget and stop increasing taxes or stealing retirement funds every time you want more!!!	7/20/2016 10:20 PM
14	SEE ABOVE	7/20/2016 12:54 PM
15	If any merger occurs is should be LEOFF1 & LEOFF2	7/19/2016 7:18 PM
16	Leave pensions for those who earned them.	7/19/2016 2:13 PM
17	In the past I've heard LEOFF1 and LEOFF2 would eventually merge into one. TRS 1 just doesn't belong in LEOFF 1 or 2 plan.	7/19/2016 9:47 AM
18	We are a good retirement system, but that can change with the economy as it did in the last recession. Our system has climbed back to almost where it was but the TRS system will set it back and if another market dip occurs it will fall upon the legislators to find the solution and they are not trusted. They have borrowed from our system and or not contributed in the 70's per their lawful duty to do so. They cannot be trusted.	7/18/2016 11:43 PM
19	The legislators should be ashamed. They've not done their jobs and they ignore the Courts order to fund teachers. They think it's OK to steal the money of one group (who have looked out for themselves) to get themselves off the hook. Shame, shame on them. Grow up and learn to live within a budget. Don't spend money they don't have. Find ways to generate income in a responsible way as any family has to do. Is it OK for a family who hasn't enough money at the end of the month to meet their obligations to expect to take from their neighbors abundance? I don't think so.	7/18/2016 7:48 PM
20	This money belongs to LEOFF1 members and there is no reason for this money to be used, given or shared with any other group. This is money that we LEOFF1 retirees count on every month and it needs to last our lifetime. .... so don't use or borrow from it.	7/18/2016 4:55 PM
21	This isn't the first time that our elected officials have attempted to "RAID" the LEOFF 1 retirement fund. Leave it alone and do your jobs in a proper manner!	7/18/2016 10:36 AM
22	I've had the honor of being raise in a firefighting family, and the first 3rd Generation Firefighter in my Department. My story has been repeated many times over in this state, by others who have worked very hard to attain their Pension. We do not want to jeopardize our hard fought pension under any circumstance.	7/17/2016 4:33 PM
23	If the teachers didn't adequately fund their plan. I am sorry. But LEOFF 2 should benefit before ANY OTHER PLAN if a merger is an absolute must.	7/17/2016 2:40 PM
24	Instead of funding another pension plan, use this money to cover medical costs of LEOFF1 spouses.	7/17/2016 2:22 PM
25	The State of Washington made a legal and moral obligation to Fire Fighters and Police members to use their existing City retirement funds to start the LEOFF system in the 60s. ANY transfer of funds from the existing LEOFF1 system is a breach of that promise made by the State of Washington to the uniformed Police and Fire Fighter members. This promise has been tested, and upheld in the courts previously.	7/16/2016 6:34 PM
26	I support those that show support for my family and myself and oppose those that do not. LEOFF 1 is not broken there is absolutely no need for its members to add funds to TRS 1.	7/16/2016 3:06 PM
27	Our pensions should not be raided to make up for the legislatures inability to manage finances. They have tried spending the same dollar twice for too long, and there is no reason that we should have to carry the burden of their lack of financial planning.	7/15/2016 4:58 PM

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28	I am disgusted at this states treatment of our teachers. It's not enough they give more than their required or expected amount of time and their own money teaching our children. But now since the state cannot effectively manage their hard earned and most deserved pensions you want to devalue another community hero's retirement to make up for the state's blunder!? This is outrageous. How can people trust their own government and assured retirement quality of life if you can't even provide the promised amount of value to their investments. Now you are trying to take from a glass that is already half full to fill another glass. Please don't pursue this measure. You will hurt hardworking men and women in the fire and police services who have already served their communities for so long. Give the teachers more support and give them their government assured retirement benefits. Just don't take it from another person's pocket. Teachers as well as fire and police ddeserve to enjoy their retirement in the best most affordable way ensuring a happy and healthy quality of life.	7/15/2016 4:35 PM
29	While we are often married together as unions, it is hard for me to envision why or how this makes sense. It complicates management, possible pension changes, and overall control of the plan. This may not even be permissible under IRS rules and looks like another attempt to undermine our system.	7/15/2016 2:43 PM
30	I am highly concerned about mixing of funds in this way. I see no need for it at all.	7/15/2016 10:07 AM
31	QUIT TRYING TO RAID OUR PENSION TO BAIL OUT OTHER PENSIONS, leaving LEOFF 1 vulnerable for the future!!!	7/14/2016 10:35 PM
32	Please do not use LEOFF 1 pension funds to cover the legislatures' unfunded liability of TRS 1. The Legislature caused the unfunded liability- they should be responsible to fix it not LEOFF 1 Pension funds.	7/14/2016 11:45 AM
33	Don;t think the merger should be approved!! WTF are they thinking?	7/14/2016 9:30 AM
34	Why and what are the benefits	7/14/2016 8:15 AM
35	you will be voted out of a job	7/14/2016 7:01 AM
36	I wish to reinforce the 10 principles, regarding this proposed merger, as outlined by the WSCFF's as recently adopted at the WSCFF Convention as follows: 1. Must not reduce LEOFF 1 benefits. 2. Cannot put finding for LEOFF 1 benefits at risk. 3. Cannot affect LEOFF 1 disability boards. 4. Cannot affect LEOFF 1 member or employer contributions. 5. Cannot modify LEOFF 1 governance. 6. Must receive IRS approval BEFORE the effective date of the bill. 7. Must follow state laws and case law protecting pension benefits and funding. 8. Must ensure the new merged fund is protected from future state underfunding. 9. Cannot modify LEOFF 2 governance. 10. Cannot increase LEOFF 2 member or employer contributions. Finally, firefighters and law enforcement officers are the first line of defense for natural and man mad disasters anytime, any place, under any conditions, 24 hours a day and 7 days a week. For that effort those that protect have more than earned the LEOFF 1 pension as established by the state.	7/13/2016 10:21 PM
37	Since the Pension funds are actually trust accounts, how is it legal to move forward with this proposal. These trust accounts are protected under federal and state laws. Legislatures need to do a better job at balancing the budget and not on the backs of the people who put their lives on the line by stealing their pensions. The LEOFF 1 pension plan must not be put at risk in any way. This, or any, similar proposal puts the pension plan at risk.	7/13/2016 8:48 PM
38	If we have voted and told the Legislature NO more than once, they need to come up with another plan, including using their pensions as security for a so called pay back which never happens.	7/13/2016 7:57 PM
39	Please stop the insanity of those who would continue their attempts to pilfer the Leoff 1 funds!!	7/13/2016 6:43 PM
40	Figure out a way for other retirement systems to copy the Leoff 1 system, and plan for a long term funding & earning potential.	7/13/2016 6:06 PM
41	Pension funds are trust accounts which are legally protected under state and federal laws. This scheme raises a number of serious legal issues that must be addressed.	7/13/2016 3:48 PM
42	The merger of pension plans requires approval by the IRS, yet, SB 6668 accounted for savings prior to determination of the IRS. What would happen if the IRS did not approve the merger?	7/13/2016 2:49 PM
43	It's time for Olympia to be better managers with our money than trying to steal form one system to another. What happened years ago when we were promised that all lottery money would go to education? That ended up being a lie, it's time to put a stop to this.	7/13/2016 1:48 PM
44	Before we spend more TIME and money on merger proposals consider talking directly to LEOFF 1 members through LEOFF 1 member organizations,...NOT LEOFF 2	7/13/2016 11:21 AM

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45	The Leoff1 pension is solvent, something unusual in this era. I see this effort to shift funds from it as akin to you going down to the bank and taking money from someone else's account just because you placed no funds in your own account. When the Communities and State split the medical/pension responsibilities, many of the smaller communities either wouldn't or weren't able to adequately fund their medical programs. Thus, larger cities are able to provide better medical care for those who were negatively impacted by the job. We are also seeing lawsuits by smaller communities saddled by state-law medical requirements that they had not pre-funded. I would prefer to see any LEOFF1 system surplus channeled back into providing better care for police and FF's in communities with minimal benefits. This would be a sellout to those communities that did or could adequately fund, but there should be no lack in quality of care for our state Leoff1 members. I put in 38 years of dedicated work. There was a "joke" amongst my fellows that our reward for putting in our time, showing up for every shift and responding to each call with professionalism, would be that when we retired the state would take away our pension. It's not such a funny thought, anymore.	7/13/2016 10:29 AM
46	1. LEOFF ! benefits must not be placed at risk. 2. Cannot affect the LEOFF 1 disability boards. 3. No reduction in LEOFF 1 benefits. 4. Will not lead to modification of LEOFF 1 governance. 5. Shall not affect LEOFF 1 member or employer contributions. 6. Must be approved by IRS prior to effective date. 7. Must not violate state law and any case law that protects pension benefits and funding. 8. Must be protected from underfunding. 9. Cannot modify LEOFF 2 governance. 10. Cannot lead to increases of LEOFF 2 employer or member contributions.	7/13/2016 9:06 AM
47	These retirement plans should be kept separate. Law Enforcement and Firefighters should not be expected to supplement the TRS1. The Legislation needs to get off there hind ends and start doing to job they were elected for	7/13/2016 9:00 AM
48	LEOFF funds should be for LEOFF members. The inability of the state to fund other state retirement programs, need to be addressed another way.	7/13/2016 8:26 AM
49	It seems strange that Republicans are trying to bolster up the Teacher's retirement system when the teachers union does their best to defeat any Republican candidate.	7/13/2016 7:56 AM
50	The legislature should negotiate in good faith and recognize that the surplus funds belong to LEOFF 1 retirees, not the state.	7/12/2016 8:55 PM
51	I think we should look at your retirement plan and see if you would like to merge with the teachers and Loeff2.	7/12/2016 4:35 PM
52	Leave LEOFF1 alone!!!	7/12/2016 12:38 PM
53	We were responsible the TRS1 folks were not. Do not raid our fund we are exploring the possibility of merging LEOFF plan one with LEOFF plan two.	7/12/2016 12:11 PM
54	work on leoff1 leoff 2 merger	7/12/2016 11:41 AM
55	In order to gain my support, and the support of my fellow brother and sister members of the Washington State Council of Firefighters the following principles must be met: 1. Must not reduce LEOFF 1 member benefits. 2. Cannot put the funding for LEOFF 1 benefits at risk. 3. Cannot affect LEOFF 1 disability boards. 4. Cannot affect LEOFF 1 member or employer contributions. 5. Cannot modify LEOFF 1 governance. 6. Must receive IRS approval before the effective date of the bill. 7. Must follow state laws and case law protecting pension benefits and funding. 8. Must ensure the new merged fund is protected from future state underfunding. 9. Cannot modify LEOFF 2 governance. 10. Cannot increase LEOFF 2 member or employer contributions.	7/12/2016 9:44 AM
56	The state needs to quit trying to raid the LEOFF 1 and LEOFF two pensions due to their lack of wanting to fund their small portion. The employees and employers pay the bulk of the money. They need to meet their obligations to these plans.	7/12/2016 9:22 AM
57	Has the Federal Wind Fall Act also been taken into account? LEOFF 1 Pension members who worked two jobs have severely reduced Social Security benefits due to this Act. We count on our Pension Benefits because we (essentially) do NOT have Social Security Pensions.	7/12/2016 7:44 AM
58	If the legislature can't seem to leave their hands off the funds in LEOFF1 they should re look at the LEOFF1 and LEOFF2 proposal from several years ago. After all the two systems are already part of the same law.	7/12/2016 6:01 AM
59	Every year some one comes up with some sort of initiative to take the money away. The LEOFF 1 people paid into it for their benefit and even the state courts have said it does not get touched.	7/12/2016 12:00 AM
60	Find another way to fund the TRS 1 system. You broke your promise to the teachers so you fix the problem. Why not give some of YOUR pension and benefits to the teachers. How do you feel about that proposal?!	7/11/2016 11:31 PM
61	Better to leave well enough alone.	7/11/2016 11:04 PM
62	LEOFF 1 is FREE. doesn't cost you (the state) a dime. A model for the rest of the country. It is one of the few programs that really works. It was created in good faith by legislators who are all retired by now. If the STATE was to just wait a few years you will inherit all of the funds anyway.	7/11/2016 9:46 PM
63	The LEOFF I system needs to be left intact. The funding that the legislature is seeking must be found elsewhere.. STOP attacking the LEOFF I retirement system.	7/11/2016 9:29 PM

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64	Far too many pensions are being destroyed. LEOFF 1 is a model pension I am at a loss for a logical reason to deliberately compromise this pension fund. I went in harms way to earn a LEOFF 1 pension. I feel it is morally and fundamentally wrong to consider a merger with TRS 1. A merger of LEOFF 1 with TRS 1 has all the indications of a cash grab and confiscation if it is anything else would the State please explain? I am opposed to the LEOFF 1 TRS 1 merger. I will not vote for any legislator that supports this merger.	7/11/2016 7:43 PM
65	Previously the State has tried to take LEOFF I money for other purposes and now you are trying to do this again. The State needs to figure out how to budget for itself not take our funds.	7/11/2016 4:29 PM
66	I work hard for my pension and want it to be there when I retire. I do not trust it being managed by the State. Do not fix mismanagement with our livelihood.	7/11/2016 3:44 PM
67	Funding of TRS is not the responsibility of the police and firefighters of this state. It is the responsibility of the politicians that the working class elects to make morally right decisions. Balance a budget, spend responsibly, and don't take from what has previously been agreed to regarding retirements. Putting benefits at risk by even considering these types of actions places undue stress on our population of retired public servants. Who is liable for that? Please follow the laws that are in place, and study case history regarding the protection of pension benefits and funding. Thank you.	7/11/2016 2:56 PM
68	I oppose this plan as it sets a foundation for other retirement plans to "grab" others. I believe that LEOFFI officers should also be included to receive some compensation bonus to compensate them. Remember they were the ones that sacrificed and built that fund. Thank you:)	7/11/2016 2:43 PM
69	I've lost track of the years that the Legislature has been sniffing around the coffers of LEOFF I - leave our retirement system in its current state of solvency.	7/11/2016 2:12 PM
70	I fully object to our legislators propensity to steal from Peter to pay Paul	7/11/2016 2:02 PM
71	Leave our pension system alone! It belongs to those of us who have earned it and are depending on it to carry us through our well deserved retirement years!	7/11/2016 1:59 PM
72	I remember years ago when leoff 1 was not accuairly sound and thru hard times it was turned around.	7/11/2016 1:48 PM
73	My plan is to vote the Republicans out so we can get the country back to normal. I suggest you do the same.	7/11/2016 1:33 PM
74	I would rather see LEOFF1 and 2 merged.	7/11/2016 1:27 PM
75	Austerity, as it is termed, has no place here in Washington State.	7/11/2016 12:42 PM
76	The Officers of the State of Washington have worked hard for their retirement. We should not have to worry about any changes made due to Government decisions to merge with other retirement's and control what we have worked so hard for.	7/11/2016 12:17 PM
77	Don't allow this to happen!	7/11/2016 12:12 PM
78	Bad Idea1!!!!	7/11/2016 11:47 AM
79	The unfunded liability of TRS1 is and obligation of state not the retired fire fighters and law officers	7/11/2016 11:40 AM
80	If legislators must consider merging retirement plans they should allow the people who successfully funded their programs to decide how best to complete this goal. Consider merging LEOFF1 with LEOFF 2.	7/11/2016 11:39 AM
81	This state lured us into high risk, low pay careers by offering us the LEOFF 1 benefits. LEOFF is a contract. Merging the LEOFF 1 retirement system with TRS or any other weaker system only endangers it. The idea that the LEOFF 1 funds are an excessive luxury for undeserving retirees is wrong and irrelevant. They represent a contract and promise that many of us based entire careers on. The TRS was placed in jeopardy by the State. The State should fix it without affecting or involving any other independently managed retirement funds. They need to stop incompetent shell games that don't fix, but only delay system failures.	7/11/2016 11:38 AM
82	see number 3 and 5	7/11/2016 11:21 AM
83	Why are you taking funds from a group that has a higher rate of cancer and a lower longevity than teachers (who's job was never placed them at risk.)	7/11/2016 11:13 AM
84	I believe you all know that the right thing to do is to leave LEOFF1 alone. Although this maybe a difficult decision it is what needs to be done and this will require true leadership.	7/11/2016 10:46 AM
85	I am against the proposal to also Merge LEOFF 1 and LEOFF 2 plans.	7/11/2016 10:21 AM
86	Do your job! Stop looking for the quick fix and budget according to commitments that the government has made to employees.	7/11/2016 10:16 AM
87	The legislature has tried for years to rob leff penion. Leave it alone.	7/11/2016 10:04 AM

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88	We build our retirement program with our funds and it would not be fair to give them to anyone else.	7/11/2016 9:14 AM
89	Do the right thing.	7/11/2016 8:58 AM
90	a pension from the state. Please, address the TRS problem singularly. If taxes or dues need to increase for TRS so be it.	7/11/2016 8:34 AM
91	N/A	7/11/2016 6:47 AM
92	Fire and Police officers should take care of our own! We do not need teachers to be involved with us. That is no different if I were to come and be involved with the legislators retirement fund. Why would the state want two under funded retirement system so?	7/11/2016 6:39 AM
93	Leoff 1 should only be merged with Leoff 2	7/10/2016 10:57 PM
94	The LEOFF 1 pension is solvent now and always has been. The legislature wants to bail out TRS 1, a pension they raided years ago and as a result, must now be bailed out. It should not be the responsibility of Police Officers and Firefighters to jeopardize or reduce the funds in the LEOFF 1 pension plan.	7/10/2016 10:12 PM
95	Does the legislature have a retirement or 401 k - type investment plan? Perhaps they would have less turmoil borrowing from those funds.	7/10/2016 8:45 PM
96	To take away our retirement and give the congress more for their retirement. Does not work.	7/10/2016 8:19 PM
97	I suggest that the legislature find other ways to help out these retirement systems other than raiding leoff 1 .	7/10/2016 8:12 PM
98	I am very concerned with any thing that would have a impact on my wife survival benefits.	7/10/2016 7:31 PM
99	The State of Washington Legislators have proven in the past that they have not met their obligations for providing the adequate funding for TRS I. How could they possibly expect LEFF I Fire Fighters & Police Officers to trust them with such a risky & potentially treacherous proposition. It is also a matter of record that the State of Washington still owes LEFF I, \$200 million and that is not accounting for the interest owed on the \$200 million. In conclusion, keep your hands off our hard earned pension.	7/10/2016 7:26 PM
100	There is no benifit in this for Leif one members	7/10/2016 7:22 PM
101	1. I am opposed to any merger proposal. TRS1 participants are the victims here. They are plaintiffs. The legislature should go after the defendants for restitution. The LEGISLATURE of the past is the defendants and todays GOVERNMENT will have to solve TRS1 problems through negotiation with TRS1 participants and future taxes. The Jurisdictions of the State of Arizona are facing the same issues and are proposing taxes to fund Pension plans that were underfunded for years. Their solution is to have special levy taxes to bring these plans to a point where the are actuarily sound and then funded at sustainable levels. 2. Part of my SALARY while I was working was set aside for my pension. My Employer negotiated with me and my fellow LEOFF1 employees these benefits as part of my SALARY. My Employer agreed to also contribute to the pension plan to make it actuarily sound and dependable for the rest of my life. You can not change those negotiations. To inappropriately remove funds, for another pension fund, from this pension fund is contract fraud at the highest level. 3. I will not even consider any merger proposal that reduces my benefits, or puts our funding at risk, (like Arizona), that affects LEOFF1 disability boards, or that affects Employee/Employer contributions, or that modifies LEOFF1 governance. I need to know that the IRS will approve any assistance from our LEOFF1 pension plan without dire tax consequences to our pension plan. This assurance must be presented to all LEOFF1 MEMBERS prior to any legilative actions. TRANSPARENCY IS PARAMOUNT TO HONESTY. 4. I would like the legislature to do what they were elected to do and abide by the laws of the State of Washington and the Federal Government. Do not use funds from one actuarily sound pension plan to fund one that is not. Figure out how to make the one that is not sound, actuarily sound through negotiations with participants and the tax payers of Washington State. The State must admit wrong doing and make restitution through sacrifices that does not include stealing from honest LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS & FIREFIGHTERS.	7/10/2016 7:00 PM
102	I would feel better with the backing and full support of the LEOFF 2 pension board. They have been diligent, responsible and have done an exceptional job at managing our pension. Maybe it's time that TRS had similar representation.	7/10/2016 6:51 PM
103	This is like robbing Peter to pay Paul	7/10/2016 6:38 PM
104	When the last LEOFF 1 member dies and also the spouse of a LEOFF 1 member passes, then funds could be redistributed.	7/10/2016 6:12 PM
105	my wife and I depend on this pension to be there as we both have had cancer myself multiple times. also heart problems. social security sucks for me because of my pension.we don,t need another worry like this!	7/10/2016 6:11 PM
106	Poor planning on your part does not constitute an emergency on mine.	7/10/2016 5:36 PM
107	Cannot increase leoff 2 or employer contributions.	7/10/2016 5:22 PM
108	Robbing Peter to pay Paul has NEVER worked out	7/10/2016 5:07 PM

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109	This is a bad idea! If TERS was set up and managed properly, this wouldn't have be considered.	7/10/2016 5:05 PM
110	Legislators need to reevaluate their priorities. They do not close many worthless tax loopholes which cost taxpayers Billions per year, but do not hesitate for a second to take money from the Trust fund established to pay for the retirement security of Law enforcement officers and firefighters.	7/10/2016 4:37 PM
111	The State is responsible for the shortage in TRS1. The State should fix the problem. LEOFF1 was properly funded and shouldn't be raided.	7/10/2016 4:35 PM
112	Legislature should meet their obligations to keep LEOFF1 funded and not use our funds for anything else. Leave us alone and we will eventually go away by attrition (death).	7/10/2016 4:34 PM
113	Also who came up with the \$5000 of the excess to be doled out. That amounts to maybe two months of groceries.	7/10/2016 4:30 PM
114	The last LEOFF 1 -LEOFF2 merger proposal would have left LEOFF 1 members with essentially no say in administration of their benefits and was certainly not offering any benefit of any kint to LEOFF 1 members.	7/10/2016 3:32 PM
115	Cash out LEOFF 1, divide the funds equally between all current LEOFF 1 members, and we will go our separate ways and manage our own retirement.	7/10/2016 3:23 PM
116	The unfunded liability in TRS 1 is a State obligation not a obligation of the retired firefighters and law enforcement officers. Where's the Legislature's accountability for failing to balance the supplemental budget? Don't raid the retired cops' and firefighter's pension money in order to do it!	7/10/2016 3:05 PM
117	WE ARE STRONGLY OPPOSED TO THIS AND ANY OTHER MERGER OF LEOFF I FUNDS.	7/10/2016 3:01 PM
118	TRS funding is the state's responsibility, not retired law enforcement & fire members.	7/10/2016 2:52 PM
119	Reduce the size and scope of this over bloated government	7/10/2016 2:42 PM
120	The delegates to the WSCFF convention just passed a resolution last week with 10 principles that any merger proposal must have to gain our support. They are: 1. Must not reduce LEOFF 1 members benefits 2. Cannot put the funding for LEOFF 1 benefits at risk. 3. Cannot affect LEOFF 1 disability boards. 4. Cannot affect LEOFF 1 member or employer contributions. 5. Cannot modify LEOFF 1 governance. 6. Must receive IRS approval before the effective date of the bill. 7. Must follow state laws and case law protecting pension benefits and funding.	7/10/2016 2:30 PM
121	This proposal is just plain wrong. The legislature needs to fund schools and teachers as they are obligated to - not by using other hard working peoples retirements. It is criminal that Washington state is one of the very lowest funded states in the USA for teaching. But it should not rob our law enforcement/firefighter pensions to do so.	7/10/2016 2:23 PM
122	NO MERGER!!!!	7/10/2016 2:15 PM
123	I would be in support of this Merger if these 10 items were met. 1. Must not reduce LEOFF 1 member benefits. 2.Cannot put the funding for LEOFF 1 benefits at risk. 3.Cannot affect LEOFF 1 disability boards. 4.Cannot affect LEOFF 1 member or employer contributions. 5.Cannot modify LEOFF 1 governance. 6.Must receive IRS approval before the effective date of the bill. 7.Must follow state laws and case law protecting pension benefits and funding. 8.Must ensure the new merged fund is protected from future state underfunding. 9.Cannot modify LEOFF 2 governance. 10.Cannot increase LEOFF 2 member or employer contributions	7/10/2016 2:13 PM
124	I think this matter should be looked at very closely for tax and legal issues before considering it. To a retired Firefighter it just does not seem fair at all.	7/10/2016 1:36 PM
125	Do not decimate LEOFF 1 to fund TRS 1 as surely there must be other ways to bring TRS 1 up to par	7/10/2016 1:27 PM
126	LEOFF 1 pension funds are TRUST ACCOUNTS that are legally protected under state laws. Do you job and start closing TAX LOOPHOLES in the budget instead of using protected funds!!!!	7/10/2016 1:17 PM
127	I support the following principles: 1. Must not reduce LEOFF 1 member benefits. 2. Cannot put the funding for LEOFF 1 benefits at risk. 3. Cannot affect LEOFF 1 disability boards. 4. Cannot affect LEOFF 1 member or employer contributions. 5. Cannot modify LEOFF 1 governance. 6. Must receive IRS approval before the effective date of the bill. 7. Must follow state laws and case law protecting pension benefits and funding. 8. Must ensure the new merged fund is protected from future state underfunding. 9. Cannot modify LEOFF 2 governance. 10. Cannot increase LEOFF 2 member or employer contributions.	7/10/2016 1:13 PM
128	I hope you realize these people worked for less than \$40000 a year (before taxes). Raised their families on less than that measely income. And that included overtime. They are trying to live out the rest of their lives with dignity. Come back and revisit this is 10 years.	7/10/2016 12:52 PM
129	I don't want the Washington State DRS to be grouped with the stigma the city of Detroit DRS has. If the legislature promised TRS 1 retirement updates or contributions, and the legislature did not follow through with those promises, why should other state retirement plans trust the legislatures to follow through with their existing plans. The state retirement plans should organize and propose a plan that would protect state retirement plans from being raided or stolen by our elected legislatures.	7/10/2016 12:21 PM

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130	I have been a republican since the first Reagan presidency and if this merger is a republican lead bill I will vote democrat	7/10/2016 11:58 AM
131	Please do not attack our pensions.	7/10/2016 11:53 AM
132	I think the time has come for RFFOW and all firefighter and law enforcement personnel, both retired and active, to start contacting their local newspapers. For this action to even be considered by the legislature (as it has been for the last couple of years) is the worst kind of treachery to our brave public servants in fire and law enforcement. this is nothing but a money grabbing ploy by primarily Republican legislators, who have destroyed public pensions in states nationwide already. They don't need to start destroying hours. We need to start letting the newspapers know what perfidy is underway	7/10/2016 11:34 AM
133	In 1985 the federal govt took two thirds of our social security is this another taking	7/10/2016 11:30 AM
134	Make sure all retired firefighters and police officers are kept informed of any decisions or considerations being proposed on this issue because of impact on our families.	7/10/2016 11:24 AM
135	Many of the Social Programs need a good overview and if they can't be operated by one agency then some of them need to go.	7/10/2016 11:17 AM
136	Washington state shows no fiscal responsibility or restraint from spending!! They 'rob' from solvent plans to better themselves. We have a solvent plan in Washington because we kept YOUR hands out of it!!	7/10/2016 11:05 AM
137	If any merger of pension plans are to be accomplished, they should remain in the "lane". TRS1 > TRS2 ... LEOFF1 > LEOFF2, etc.	7/10/2016 11:05 AM
138	Legislators years ago did not fund LEOFF 1 correctly and that is the reason LEOFF 2 had to be created.....when will you people stop spending money you don't have?	7/10/2016 10:44 AM
139	Strongly oppose this action being considered. It is a waste of time and money. Leave LEOFF 1 Alone. We are living by the terms and conditions of the Law and the Legislature should also.	7/10/2016 10:37 AM
140	While it would be more work, the state needs to look at the budget as a whole and dismantle programs that are obsolete, that do not provide ROI, that do not actually solve problems. I know this is not an easy task, but I don't believe the state can properly fund Leoff programs after merging with other underfunded retirement programs. It should have never come to this. The state has repeatedly failed to meet its obligations where educators are concerned. Fifteen years ago was the time to act.	7/10/2016 10:09 AM
141	The teacher pension should be supported in the way that it was developed and other pensions should not be used.	7/10/2016 10:00 AM
142	Cost savings as a result of this merger should go directly towards funding the pension plan.	7/10/2016 9:49 AM
143	I think it is absolutely disrespectful to LEOFF participants who have controlled their pension for their future and funded it appropriately to be even discussing this. Leave the LEOFF pension alone as it is one of the few in the country that is fully funded showing we are managing appropriately.	7/10/2016 9:38 AM
144	I see the state working to fund the TRS1 system. Who are the members of TRS1, teachers union, a very powerful group aiding the reelection of cooperative and compliant elected members. I worked for 35 years to earn my retirement. Now I see it wanting to be taken from me. I see the promise that no benefits will change as just a rouge. If this passes then another crisis is waiting around to corner and will need to solved with promises made to LEOFF 1 members	7/10/2016 7:35 AM
145	Aren't pension funds trust accounts which are legally protected under state and federal laws.	7/10/2016 7:35 AM
146	These proposals are nothing more than legalized theft.	7/10/2016 7:05 AM
147	We have seen the LEOFF system raided, before, and we saw what came out of it. We got LEOFF2. This time it would not be any different. No way should a healthy pension system be raided until ALL of those who were originally intended to receive those benefits have passed on. Fund the system, like you are supposed to do, and the "problem" you are trying to fix "by the easy route" will disappear.	7/9/2016 11:27 PM
148	I know LEOFF 1 is overfunded, that money should go to the LEOFF 2 system to ensure full funding.	7/9/2016 9:26 PM
149	Raid the Pensions that the President, VP, Senators, Congressmen, and their Staff and other ranking positions.	7/9/2016 9:16 PM
150	When, if ever, is the Legislature going to learn to: 1) Not spend more than their income; 2) Quit trying to rob Peter to pay Paul,(which only makes Paul happy; and, 3) Stop the repetitive annual cycle of attempting to, raid/borrow from/merge, our LEOFF1 fund to cover for poor Legislative management of the rest of the State's budget/funds. I'm getting too old to have to be worrying about my pension/income every Legislative session. Thank you James E. Hassinger, P-70 Bellevue Police Dept. Retired 1989	7/9/2016 8:53 PM
151	The very idea is a travesty of justice and a slap in the face to all LEOFF members past and present. It is illegal and immoral.	7/9/2016 8:44 PM

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152	No	7/9/2016 7:32 PM
153	Fund these pensions like the law says and you won't have these problems. You wanted these fire pensions because of the money and you gave promises and then you have no discipline to stand up to your promisses.	7/9/2016 7:18 PM
154	Stay out of the piggy bank! It's meant for our members, those who came before us, those here currently and for those yet to get on the job!	7/9/2016 6:29 PM
155	This proposal is completely unethical. In the past, the legislature has already robbed police and fire employees of post retirement medical coverage after years of personal risk resulting in permanent health issues and injuries. Instead of robbing LEOFF 1, how about addressing the shortfalls of LEOFF 2 instead.	7/9/2016 6:14 PM
156	Leave LEOFF 1 alone. Our Pension is supposed to be for the Firefighters and Police Officers who have risked their lives in service to their communities. Find somewhere else to steal the money you need to save face.	7/9/2016 5:39 PM
157	The LEOFF 1 funds need to be place and kept with the LEOFF 2 for the police / medics and fire fighters	7/9/2016 5:11 PM
158	I think you have already got the point of my position.	7/9/2016 5:11 PM
159	It is called planning for a reason so do it.	7/9/2016 5:10 PM
160	The LEOFF2 must stay exactly the same. The contributions and governance must stay the way it is.	7/9/2016 4:35 PM
161	DO NOT MERGE LEOFF 1 WITH TRS 1 OR LEOFF 2 OR ANY OTHER SYSTEM.	7/9/2016 2:57 PM
162	I oppose the merger.	7/9/2016 2:27 PM
163	WSCFF, Keep fighting for our future! Thank you for keeping us aware of our elected officials under the table schemes to take money from those that have earned and actually give a damn about their future!	7/9/2016 12:22 PM
164	Is this Real?	7/9/2016 12:06 PM
165	the unfunded liability in TRS1 is an obligation owed by the state, and should therefore not be balanced on the backs of retired Firefighters and LEOs. Find a different funding source!	7/9/2016 11:57 AM
166	This smells a little rotten.	7/9/2016 9:12 AM
167	Don't pay for budget shortfalls on the backs of fire fighters and cops!	7/9/2016 9:06 AM
168	Just remember the Democrats have controlled state government for a long time, so lets put blame in the right place. Now the Republicans & the Democrats must work together to fix this mess.	7/9/2016 8:33 AM
169	This is a terrible idea. It makes no sense to force retired police officers and firefighters to fix the teachers underfunded pension.	7/9/2016 8:30 AM
170	Thank you for allowing us to express or views.	7/9/2016 8:19 AM
171	I understands the need for funding pensions, and using tax dollars from leoff 1 beneficiaries is an apparent option but it seems to be a bandaid. Shouldn't our legislature fulfill the obligations agreed on with trs retirees with a long term plan. If leoff 1 has all this money in it, why doesnt Trs have money? Apparently when budgets got tight the teachers got cut and now they want leoff 1 to bail them out. Doesnt seem right	7/9/2016 7:48 AM
172	We've worked for our pension and deserve to rest assured through our retirement that the funds will be there for us - we don't need to be worried that anyone will try to take those funds away. Leave the LEOFF fund alone, please.	7/9/2016 7:08 AM
173	The WSCFF adopted a resolution at our annual meeting that states the legislature needs to address the following items: Must not reduce LEOFF 1 member benefits. Cannot put the funding for LEOFF 1 benefits at risk. Cannot affect LEOFF 1 disability boards. Cannot affect LEOFF 1 member or employer contributions. Cannot modify LEOFF 1 governance. Must receive IRS approval before the effective date of the bill. Must follow state laws and case law protecting pension benefits and funding. Must ensure the new merged fund is protected from future state underfunding. Cannot modify LEOFF 2 governance. Cannot increase LEOFF 2 member or employer contributions.	7/9/2016 6:56 AM
174	The money is out there. Go find it. Don't take the easy way and merge pensions. Seriously, it's out there.	7/9/2016 6:39 AM
175	ENOUGH SAID	7/9/2016 5:00 AM
176	TRS I and LEOFF I have nothing to do with each other, if there is any merger to consider it should be between LEOFF plans I & II.	7/9/2016 4:24 AM
177	I was part of the movement to create the leoff 2 board and have accepted the increased responsibility for my portion of the retirement contribution. Now retired, I view this as a raid on my contributions and the legislature stealing something I worked hard for and was promised by those seeking to take it away.	7/9/2016 1:11 AM
178	Lets be clear, Taking what is not yours is still stealing.	7/8/2016 11:26 PM

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179	Please focus on fixing the systems the state has previously raided or poorly managed/planned and left broken rather than extending the mess to yet another group of public servants.	7/8/2016 10:07 PM
180	I do not support this merger in any way.	7/8/2016 9:35 PM
181	Find the money somewhere else.	7/8/2016 9:35 PM
182	Big mistake	7/8/2016 9:33 PM
183	Police and Fire pension funds should only be used for Police and Fire pension funds. Any surplus available from LEOFF 1 should be used to fund LEOFF 2.	7/8/2016 8:52 PM
184	I personally, am fully against a LEOFF1 and TRS1 merger. Must not reduce LEOFF 1 member benefits. It must follow state laws and case law protecting pension benefits and funding.	7/8/2016 8:50 PM
185	I would only support a LEOFF 1 and 2 merger; and only if it meet the stakeholder parameters, as adopted by the WSCFF.	7/8/2016 8:02 PM
186	TRS 1 funding short falls are not to be solved by a moving shell game. It is the responsibility of the State to figure out, and not by robbing the pension's of FF's and LE Officer's.	7/8/2016 7:26 PM
187	LEOFF 1 retirees did not create the deficit or mismanagement in the LEOFF 2 and Prs 1 system. LEOFF 1 money should not be used to supplement their retirement system.	7/8/2016 7:24 PM
188	We the firefighters/Police Officers funded our pension and those funds should remain within the same system (LEOFF)	7/8/2016 7:05 PM
189	The TRS 1 members deserve having a fully funded pension, but not on the backs of LEOFF 1 members. FIND ANOTHER WAY.	7/8/2016 6:29 PM
190	Those funds should support LEOFF 1 employees first, and LEOFF 2 employees second. - Our benefits have been diminished and they should be reinstated with the available funds.	7/8/2016 6:17 PM
191	Leave our pension alone!	7/8/2016 6:10 PM
192	I would go with plan A of the state accepting it's responsibility to adequately fund TERS1.	7/8/2016 5:55 PM
193	I am disappointed that the legislature and the GOP cannot solve the issues that they knew were going to occur years ago based on their actions. Shame.	7/8/2016 5:51 PM
194	History is a great predictor of future proceedings, the state has not earned our trust. McLeary decision has proven that the state is desperate for funding due to their lack of fiscal responsibility. I would like to retire without the Spector of WA state intervening in a negative fashion on what was promised.	7/8/2016 5:49 PM
195	For those people who currently serve...and those who have served to protect our communities, and put their lives on the line, we can only hope... Hope that the Select Committee on Pension Policy will listen to the many voices of the active and retired Women and Men of public service. Please listen to us and do not merge TRS 1 & LEOFF 1.. Choose to look once again at the current plan that addresses the under-funding problem with TRS 1.	7/8/2016 5:38 PM
196	No merger, Quit stealing from the LEOFF System to fund anything. This is against the law, both federal and state. We need to get rid of the elected officials that are proposing this plan. Leave the LEOFF system funds alone.	7/8/2016 5:17 PM
197	These LEOFF 1 benefits must not be reduced!	7/8/2016 5:14 PM
198	This proposed money grab is politics at it's worst. The Legislature has continually failed the TRS system by "kicking the can down the road" and is looking at stealing from one group to pay another in order to further shirk their true responsibility to fund the TRS system adequately from State revenue. STOP looking for someone else to meet YOUR obligations! Start cutting the tax loopholes that cost the State BILLIONS of dollars! Start going after the FRAUD and WASTE in State government! How many more news stories about millions of dollars in waste, incompetence, and lack of oversight do we have to endure before the Legislature DOES THEIR JOB? The money in the LEOFF 1 "Trust" DOES NOT belong to the State! It was funded as agreed to meet the obligations to Police and Firefighters in retirement. IT BELONGS TO THEM! Keep LEOFF 1 and LEOFF 2 accounts fully funded, don't mess with those who sacrifice everything for the public safety. Our careers are often much shorter than the average worker due to the stress and strain on our bodies. We're NOT your "golden piggy bank". You should be ashamed to even consider this.	7/8/2016 5:11 PM
199	Any change in current pension plans must ensure solvency with no reduction in current benefits.	7/8/2016 4:55 PM
200	Must not reduce LEOFF 1 member benefits. Cannot put the funding for LEOFF 1 benefits at risk. Cannot affect LEOFF 1 disability boards. Cannot affect LEOFF 1 member or employer contributions. Cannot modify LEOFF 1 governance. Must receive IRS approval before the effective date of the bill. Must follow state laws and case law protecting pension benefits and funding. Must ensure the new merged fund is protected from future state underfunding. Cannot modify LEOFF 2 governance. Cannot increase LEOFF 2 member or employer contributions.	7/8/2016 4:49 PM

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201	My Father is LEOFF1 and worked for and deserves every benefit that was "Guaranteed" and "Promised" to him. As well as all the other Firefighters and Police Officers.	7/8/2016 4:44 PM
202	Merging is a finger in the dike. Close large corporation tax loopholes before messing with the pension system. Especially tax loopholes for corporations that move jobs out of state.	7/8/2016 4:44 PM
203	Merging LEOFF 1 and 2 would essentially have a similar effect. They could probably skip contributions to LEOFF 2 for a little while if they did, and put that money into TRS during that time. I can't even believe this is still a thing. Business in this state is strong. If the budget is not, don't blame the TRS shortfall. Blame the plan or lack there of.	7/8/2016 4:36 PM
204	I am adamantly opposed to the Legislature merging the LEOFF I plan with any other plan. Leave it alone!	7/8/2016 4:32 PM
205	really stupid idea!! shows government cannot really be trusted to keep their word or promises.	7/8/2016 4:31 PM
206	Please consider what I have to say. If you planned, saved for your retirement, would you like to share it with someone who did not plan, save for their retirement? Just a thought...	7/8/2016 4:29 PM
207	The following is the resolve of your Washington fire fighters. Feel free to consider these if drafting a legitimate proposal. Must not reduce LEOFF 1 member benefits. Cannot put the funding for LEOFF 1 benefits at risk. Cannot affect LEOFF 1 disability boards. Cannot affect LEOFF 1 member or employer contributions. Cannot modify LEOFF 1 governance. Must receive IRS approval before the effective date of the bill. Must follow state laws and case law protecting pension benefits and funding. Must ensure the new merged fund is protected from future state underfunding. Cannot modify LEOFF 2 governance. Cannot increase LEOFF 2 member or employer contributions.	7/8/2016 4:27 PM
208	The Underfunded liability of TRS is an obligation of the state and not the Firefighters and law enforcement officers. We, LEOFF 1, paid our share for our retirement, it is the state and TRS that have failed. Do what is right and keep your hands off our retirement funds!	7/8/2016 4:26 PM
209	If firefighters did their jobs like our republicans are doing their job in the legislator they would let all the working people's houses burn to the ground in order while saving a few big mansions. Do your job for all of us!	7/8/2016 4:22 PM
210	Any "surplus" LEOFF 1 funds should be used to bolster the benefits of the LEOFF 2 system and the only after the last beneficiary passes. I fear the legislature is looking for a quick fix to the TRS 1 system failures instead of putting in the time and effort to properly fix TRS.	7/8/2016 4:18 PM
211	Must not reduce LEOFF 1 member benefits. Cannot put the funding for LEOFF 1 benefits at risk. Cannot affect LEOFF 1 disability boards. Cannot affect LEOFF 1 member or employer contributions. Cannot modify LEOFF 1 governance. Must receive IRS approval before the effective date of the bill. Must follow state laws and case law protecting pension benefits and funding. Must ensure the new merged fund is protected from future state underfunding. Cannot modify LEOFF 2 governance. Cannot increase LEOFF 2 member or employer contributions.	7/8/2016 4:14 PM
212	Don't use our money for a temporary solution for a situation created by your ineptness	7/8/2016 4:13 PM
213	This merger should not happen on any level	7/8/2016 4:09 PM
214	The LEOFF 1 plan should not be touched or merged with any other plan until all benefits have been paid to the last beneficiary of the plan. The state needs to step up and find a different way to pay the TRS 1 plan members without raiding another pension plan.	7/8/2016 4:03 PM
215	NO	7/8/2016 3:50 PM
216	Can this even be legal to do?	7/8/2016 3:40 PM
217	I will never vote for any state elected official who even attempts to steal LEOFF. When the last firefighter dies any money remaining in LEOFF accounts belongs to Firefighters. No one else.	7/8/2016 3:39 PM
218	LEOFF employees should not be used to bail out TRS employees. What's next PERS?	7/8/2016 3:31 PM
219	Any proposal could Never affect LEOFF 2 governance.	7/8/2016 3:29 PM
220	You know it's slimy accounting practice. Do not monkey with it.	7/8/2016 3:26 PM
221	I am retired after putting in 24 years. It wasn't cheap and it wasn't easy but I paid so I would have a retirement. I don't think it's my responsibility to make up for underfunding on their part. What's next?	7/8/2016 3:19 PM
222	No	7/8/2016 3:18 PM
223	Fund the teachers properly, don't take from a fund - leoff. Don't penalize PD And FF's for the states lack of planning.	7/8/2016 3:16 PM
224	The first concern is what impacts if any would such legislation have on the benefits of both systems. How might this legislation be later interpreted in a benefits case that goes to court?	7/8/2016 3:14 PM
225	Merge LEOFF I and II	7/8/2016 3:14 PM
226	I will do all in my power to stop this miscarriage of justice!!!	7/8/2016 2:58 PM

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227	As the last LEOFF I participant leaves the plan, all Plan One money goes to Plan Two and the Legislature does not take money out!	7/8/2016 9:44 AM
228	Usually quick fixes to any problem don't work out as planned.	7/8/2016 7:32 AM
229	I am surprised the Legislature is even proposing a plan merger. I am questioning the honor of legislators who would take advantage of Retired LEOFF 1 police and firefighters, a small group of dedicated public servants who have no effective way to defend themselves against the ravaging of their financial security.	7/7/2016 8:48 PM
230	Just wait until these older retired police and fire LEOFF 1 people and their spouses pass and they can have it all, instead of causing more stress.	7/7/2016 8:06 PM
231	I do not know enough about the situation to make constructive comments.	7/7/2016 5:38 PM
232	Cities with retired LF1 employees have a significant unfunded liability for medical cost coverage. Any funds generated for the purpose of paying LF1 pensions that are not required for payment of LF1 pensions should be proportionately shared with those who made the contributions. Such sharing of the surplus funds would go a long way to assist cities with their unfunded medical cost liability.	7/7/2016 3:19 PM
233	Using a perfectly fine and well managed pension system to firm up a poorly managed system is ridiculous. Take responsibility for stealing \$ from the poorly managed system and fund it.	7/7/2016 3:09 PM
234	I'm very concerned that this merge or any merge would weaken the stability of LEOFF 1 and create 2 unstable systems..	7/7/2016 2:39 PM
235	The mismanagement of other plans, or the lack of foresight by other managers does not imply a right to compromise LEOFF 1 plan.	7/7/2016 1:28 PM
236	No Honest, moral or upright person would ever consider voting for this merger.. It is a downright Overt attempt to Steal Our money & benefits.	7/6/2016 11:19 PM
237	I was 22 years old when I signed a contract with the citizens and legislature of Washington to serve the public needs as a law enforcement officer. I spent 29 years fulfilling my oath. I've been retired for 15 years and now I fear that the Legislature will change the rules, and raid the pension to which I contributed funds just as I reach the point in my life when I foresee an increased risk that I will need medical services and advanced end-of-life care. The legislature needs to examine the past promises made to real human beings, rather than look for an easy way to balance a budget and risk renegeing on those to whom promises were made.	7/6/2016 3:47 PM
238	The current crisis in hiring public safety employees will be exacerbated if potential future employees see that their retirement funds can be raided by the State at any time. This is not the solution to the McLeary decision and sets bad precedents for those considering public employment.	7/6/2016 1:58 PM
239	The LEOFF 1 Monies should go back to the entities to pay for LEOFF 1 medical	7/6/2016 1:36 PM
240	Over the years, Legislature has attempted to "take" LEOFF1 monies; haven't they learned that by using the term "merger", they will fail again!	7/5/2016 8:45 PM
241	If you all got together (both sides) and just be honest and explain to the voters that tax increases are needed and why. You might be suprised.	7/5/2016 1:25 PM
242	I fear that these mergers will not have the best interest of local city and county cops and firefighters or their respective governments at heart. The loss of the fiduciaries in the LEOFF 2 board, the overwhelming numbers of TRS plan participants to LEOFF plan members and the associated political lobbies is not in the best interest of LEOFF plan participants.	7/5/2016 10:56 AM
243	And, WHY , WHY?? are there NO LEOFF I members on the committee ? There is so much wrong ..we'll be glad to take it to the courts if need be..	7/5/2016 10:48 AM
244	What has happened to the legal representation we have donated towards?	7/5/2016 9:21 AM
245	I am against any idea of a merger that includes the LEOFF 1 plan unless you make the LEOFF 1 board members the voting majority.	7/5/2016 7:37 AM
246	Any merger will probably lead to a legal challenge that will help no one. LOEFF1 is solvent, a closed plan for those specific members and spouses. It needs to be left as is. If the legislature attempts a merger, it will produce unforeseen damage to all of the plans and loose the trust of citizens when the cost soar.	7/4/2016 9:43 AM
247	Be fair and think about the future	7/3/2016 8:55 PM
248	I am afraid that once the LEOFF1 plan is breached in any way then it is wide open to be gutted.	7/3/2016 12:07 PM
249	For Leoff 1 retirees that fall under the Windfall Law for Social Security is a concern if Social Security ends.	7/3/2016 10:40 AM

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250	EACH LEOFF1 SHOULD BE NOTIFIED BY TEXT AND OR EMAIL ,INC THEIR CARETAKERS. SOME LEGISLATORS ARE TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THIS AGED,FRAIL POPULATION. IT IS TIME FOR LAWFUL PROVISIONS BE WORKED OUT .TAKE NAMES AND INFO OF SUCH REPEAT OFFENDERS,SEND TO ETHICS COMMITTEE.REMEMBER THESE VIOLATORS,SEND TO THEIR OPPOSING CANDIDATE.ALL LEOFF1 MEMBERS SHOULD BE NOTIFIED 4 TO 5 DAYS ADVANCE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS,YES, THAT IS THE WA ST LAW TOO.	7/3/2016 5:49 AM
251	I believe the Issue Statement created by Mr. Nelsen, of the LEOFF Plan 2 Retirement Board, covers nearly everything wrong with merging any solvent retirement plan with one created by the Legislature that has not been fully funded and in fact would have to use funds from the solvent plan to shore up the unfunded plan. He states this “creates a number of legal, policy and financial issues”. 1. Although co-mingled for investment purposes, the funds placed in each plan has always been by the “sponsor” (city/county/etc.), the employee and the state. LEOFF 1 has been fully funded since 2001. Although LEOFF 1 payout may continue until 2040, at that time a remaining balance will forfeit to the state. No changes, no unknowns, no retiree upset, no legal or policy changes. 2. If a merger were to occur between LEOFF 1 and ANY OTHER plan, which was not fully funded, the state would be involved in lawsuits from LEOFF 1 plan members and may be involved by the city/counties whose funds, were then in jeopardy of insufficiency for LEOFF 1 members. 3. The “Sponsor” (city/county/etc.) would no longer be able to count on receiving their share of the remaining funds at time of closure. I would suspect as members and spouses die, the remaining funds would continue to increase (from investments) and may be a very large sum to share with the state. This would disappear in a merger where the solvent plan funds would be drained to cover the insolvent plan. 4. It would be hard to project out what funds may remain, but I believe it to be mathematically possible to determine that figure based on actuarial study. It could be found by 2040, LEOFF 1 surplus at closing to be as large as the fund is today. The city/county/state could see the loss of those funds as being far greater than fully funding the weaker plan with today's dollars. 5. Page 4 of Mr. Nelson’s June 22, 2016 Briefing states, “Some state courts have held that the right of plan members to have their plan governed by an independent board of trustees who owe a fiduciary duty to the plan is a BENEFIT of plan, subject to the same legal protections as other plan benefits. THAT QUESTION HAS NOT BEEN DECIDED BY WASHINGTON COURTS”. 6. He continues on page 5, “--there is a risk that only the state’s interest will be represented”. Acknowledged risk, represents factors that could: (a) Continue for years in courts, affecting both plans being merged (b) In a serious down turn of the economy, could put both plans in serious negative fund balance (c) Retirees in their weakest days –unable to work—could see their benefits cut by trustees more interested in keeping the weaker plan solvent—which again put the issue into the court system. Retiree fear can also create litigation. 7. The “Purpose of a Merger” is a “Win-Win” according to Mr. Nelson’s Power point. I see it as a Win-State, Win-Teacher (or other unfunded plan) and a Lose-LEOFF 1. Consider this Retiree as being against any merger with an under (or unfunded) other state retirement plan. Ken Estes, Sgt, Ret. Edmonds Police Department 409 E Wilder Hill Ln Montesano, WA 98563 360-249-6559	7/2/2016 5:14 PM
252	I am very disapointed in the Ways and Means committee for trying to create this merger and bill last year, giving 2 days notice they were going to vote on it. They voted to not give the normal bill notice time frame. They were to take testimony in two days and decide. We had quite a few LEOFF 1 that were able to make it to the meeting and the committee cut the testimony time to half of what it should be. Then even with all of the testimony against the bill they passed it on anyway. Sound and looks like everyone was trying to sneak this one through without the stake holders knowing it was even happening. That is unfair and underhanded. shows us how the electeds feel about their Law Enforcemnt and Fire Fighter constituents. This is reprehensible and should never have happened. Since they lost my trust, its going to take a lot to gain it back when they try to sell a merger again.	7/2/2016 3:25 PM
253	I listened to a Representative from the 20th district on the floor of the House and tell everyone that the Republican budget has no tax increases in it. What he did not say was that they planned to rob money from the LEOFF 1 retirement to help balance the budget.	7/2/2016 3:19 PM
254	Why was this merger [money grab] done so late in last years session with out consulting how would be affected and the LEOFF 1 members treated so poorly by the people that are supposed to represent us [legislators] only giving them a couple of minutes to speak? Our representative government isn't doing the right thing for use. I thought I'd given enough, but apparently not. Are we going to be treated like our military vets?	7/2/2016 2:18 PM
255	If it isn't broke, don't fix it, till it is.	7/2/2016 11:23 AM
256	Our plan was guaranteed by statue. Now after our distinguished service they want to take it away. The legislators should be ashamed for proposing such an idea. They need to walk a mile in our shoes as many law enforcement and fire fighters never make it to retirement. We earned our retirement, they should just say thank you for your service; not rob the fund.	7/2/2016 11:21 AM
257	We earned our retirement. Leave us alone.	7/2/2016 11:11 AM
258	leave thing alone	7/2/2016 10:34 AM
259	Leave our plan alone! The teachers are supposedly smarter than us, so let 'em figure out another solution to their woes.	7/2/2016 10:01 AM

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260	This mess with the pension funds is really mostly the fault of the Legislature not honoring their part in funding over several years as the law stated they should. Now they are trying to put off their ineptness by robbing the one fund that is in good shape and sending it into ruin. Disgraceful.	7/2/2016 8:33 AM
261	Hell no! No merger!	7/1/2016 7:04 PM
262	Thank you very much for this opportunity to submit my ideas and thoughts.If I have more concerns I will submit another survey.	7/1/2016 4:42 PM
263	Against ANY merger, but specifically this one. This is only a money grab. The legislature ALREADY has a plan to get the TRS1 program to be fully funded without doing this merger.	7/1/2016 4:08 PM
264	There is no logical reason to consider this merger. The LEOFF 1 System is solid and should be left alone.	7/1/2016 3:21 PM
265	Retires covered under the Leoff 11 system knew what they signed on for when they joined the department.	7/1/2016 1:10 PM
266	This, though patently ILLEGAL wouldn't surprise me. The legislature stealing from one fund that is solvent despite the state's failure to contribute for years in order to partially shore up another they have failed to fund as required by law. CROOKS for years.	7/1/2016 11:14 AM
267	If you feel that you have to buy the LEOFF 1 members support with a one time payout, then you are already admitting it is not in the members best interest--just yours. This buyout would just create a tax burden on the LEOFF 1 member--thus reducing any perceived benefit to them by the payout. It is kind of like putting a band aid on a deep cut that requires stitches. Look to fix TRS1 first but not at the expense of a sound LEOFF 1 retirement system.	7/1/2016 10:39 AM
268	This is an attempt at rewriting the LEOFF1 Act to enable the legislature access to the LEOFF1 funds and to enable cities and counties to re-challenge, in court, their obligation to provide health benefits to firefighters and law enforcement retirees. Once the legislature has depleted the funds as they have in other retirement plans and other state departments' budgets the retirees' benefits will either be reduced or remain static. Given recent supreme court rulings in other states, washington state will be able to default on retirement plans and plunge most retirees into bankruptcy or force them on to welfare. Most firefighters don't have the experience in supreme court rulings to understand this, but most police officers do understand this concept which is why, like me, most police officers are against any mergers to the LEOFF1 plan.	7/1/2016 9:52 AM
269	Please be very transparent about the plans (Pro's and Con's) for the merger, as this will have a long lasting impact on retirement plans.	7/1/2016 9:33 AM
270	I believe we should leave the LEOFF1 system alone. The excess funding of the system as we all know is quite fluid. The markets dictate the value of both systems and the merger would only create a much larger problem for the state. Leave our system alone as it works well.	7/1/2016 8:54 AM
271	I have serious doubts that this is in OUR best interest.	7/1/2016 8:48 AM
272	Abide by the McLeary Descision. Fully fund education, INCLUDING pension costs and the TRS1 pension problem will be solved	7/1/2016 7:52 AM
273	Please leave LEOFF 1 as is!	7/1/2016 6:38 AM
274	I think my opinion/feelings is clear.	6/30/2016 10:59 PM
275	NONE NEEDED!!!!!!	6/30/2016 9:21 PM
276	Why has the legislature and other Plan representatives tried to sneak previous mergers through at the last minute on 2 occasions and why were LEOFF1 representatives prevented from providing any input to either proposal? How often will the legislature or other entities continue to attempt to raid LEOFF1? How long will this duplicitous maneuvering of funds continue before a law suit will be filed to put a stop to it?	6/30/2016 7:41 PM
277	I am strongly opposed to this merger. If the merger occurs there will be more retirees in a pension that that will still be financially depressed since the monies from LEOFF 1 will not cover the deficit in TRS 1. I worked a lot years to get this retirement put my life on the line for the people of Washington and was planning on this being my retirement plan for myself and my spouse.	6/30/2016 7:10 PM
278	I've worked for over 32 years to receive my pension. This plan is fully funded and is working as designed. Please do not ruin this very successful pension fund	6/30/2016 7:07 PM

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279	Why is mismanagement my problem. The legislature raided the retirement funds in lean times years ago and never replaced the monies taken out. Now we are faced with giving our money away to make TRS viable??? I understand that the money is not really mine but that it provides a lifetime benefit to my and my family. I am really concerned that the legislature will screw this up. I view my retirement benefit as a contract between me and the state as run by the local boards. This contract should not be broken and will cause political upheaval on both sides. As we have demonstrated in the past we do not take lightly anyone messing with our benefits. This is really a ploy to merge 1 and 2 together as we will see if we have to merge with anyone it should be with other cops not teachers. Any merger of LEOFF1 with any group is unacceptable to me and I can see that I will have to double my check this year to the LEOFF committee.	6/30/2016 6:15 PM
280	See the above	6/30/2016 4:35 PM
281	Please work to stop this proposed merger.	6/30/2016 4:29 PM
282	Cities as LEOFF 1 employers made significant contributions to the fund between 1970 and 2000. Approximately 11% of the total funds contributed are attributable to employers. Additionally, LEOFF 1 employers have retained significant unfunded liability for medical benefits for LEOFF 1 retirees, with no significant dedicated funding source to offset the costs. The Actuary's most recent study estimates that liability at \$3 billion. Any changes to the LEOFF 1 retirement plan should take into account the significant unfunded liability that cities have for medical benefit costs.	6/30/2016 3:55 PM
283	How much LEOFF 1 benefits and money will be given up for Leoff 2 and Trs 1?	6/30/2016 2:32 PM
284	we put our lives and money into our retirement,can nopt help it if the theacher retirement is shortfunded,raise their rates to fit their retirement	6/30/2016 1:49 PM
285	Why not leave LEOFF1 alone until the last person has died and then take the funds and give them to an existing Law Enforcement retirement plan?	6/30/2016 1:12 PM
286	Start thinking about a permanent solution to the Teacher Retirement System. This is the reason so many good teachers leave Washington for better pay. Our kids deserve a better education system. Reapportion other projects to find needed funds.	6/30/2016 12:20 PM
287	If the Legislature learned to write and follow their budgets, they would not be in the predicament they are in today.	6/30/2016 12:15 PM
288	Every few years there is a move to grab our pension funds. Why can't the other pension plans fund themselves? There are a lot more teachers than there are cops and fire fighters. Do what you promised. Leave our pension funds alone until we no longer need them	6/30/2016 11:53 AM
289	As noted, I am totally against ANY merger with TRS I.	6/30/2016 11:04 AM
290	I am in favor of a merger of LEOFF1 and LEOFF2	6/30/2016 11:04 AM
291	I was working before we had overtime pay and when the pay was not too good. many riots and unpopular view of police .we have paid our dues and I look on this as an attempted theft of something we have worked for and built	6/30/2016 11:00 AM
292	LEOFF 1 was enacted into law and paid for by plan members and the citizens of WA. It is now up to the Legislature address the concerns of those plans that they would raid our plan for.	6/30/2016 10:39 AM
293	Leave my retirement plan alone and stop trying to tweak it and merging it with other plans. Make the COLA the same across the board and not dependent on the date of retirement. I see this as an effort to raid a plan that has been in effect for many years. Retired Police Officers have been relying on this income to help maintain a deserved standard of living. LEAVE IT ALONE!!!!	6/30/2016 10:27 AM
294	I paid my way and earned my pension. You made a promise when you pass the LEOFF1 legislation--keep your word.	6/30/2016 10:10 AM
295	I do not want to see any mergers with my LEOFF 1 plan. Leave it alone!	6/30/2016 9:13 AM
296	If there was a fund increase by combing plans then I / we would like to see a medical plan (however slight) implemented. In the case of LEOFF retirees, some requirement(s) like 20 years minimum service, effective at age 53 could be added to the language, prior to the member being illegible for the plan.	6/30/2016 9:06 AM
297	Opposed to merging with TRS 1. LEOFF 1 and LEOFF 2 should be merged. These are funds that should properly be dedicated to LEO's.	6/30/2016 8:51 AM
298	I would be inclined to support a merge with Leoff 2 if medical was provided to my spouse.	6/30/2016 8:47 AM
299	If TRS 1 could be improved with a COLA and better medical benefits and be assured that LEOFF 1 and none of the other plans would suffer, I could consider supporting it. If TRS1 had been funded regularly as it should have been, the above items could have been provided with no need to be considering this.	6/30/2016 8:46 AM
300	if the legislature wants financial solvency, quit spending on the stupid crap they do and stop raiding other funds!	6/30/2016 8:38 AM

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301	Taking funds from LEOFF 1 will likely result in the State renegeing on promises made to me in 1970. I gave 28 years and earned those promises.	6/30/2016 7:40 AM
302	See above	6/30/2016 7:22 AM
303	It seems every year there is a "run" at the LEOFF 1 system funds. LEOFF 1 is a secure retirement system for the people enrolled. It is not "extra money" for other purposes.	6/30/2016 7:06 AM
304	Combine all plans including legislative and judicial an put everyone at risk. Fight this merger in the courts as this act would be illegal..	6/30/2016 6:52 AM
305	For those Senators and Legislators that support this merger, I will actively attempt to have them replaced at election time.	6/30/2016 6:25 AM
306	I am of the opinion that both the LEOFF 1 merger with TRS 1 and the LEOFF 1 merger with LEOFF 2 is being railroaded through the Legislature because the decision has already been made that these mergers "are a done deal and will happen"! The Legislature lacks credibility!!!!	6/29/2016 11:16 PM
307	I would vote out any legislator that supported this merger.	6/29/2016 11:14 PM
308	If it is not broke do not fix it !!!	6/29/2016 10:11 PM
309	I find it reprehensible that our lagislature would consider such a move as it would demonstrate to the people that we cannot trust our government; a situation that has taken on ominous threats to our political system.	6/29/2016 9:49 PM
310	You should merge LEOFF2 WITH LEOFF1 give them the same benifits maybe they could enjoy a well deserved retirement for the sacrifices they make daily to the citizens of the State of Washington.	6/29/2016 9:41 PM
311	I retired in 1995 with over 31 years of service. Every time the LEOFF 1 Plan builds up a surplus the Legislature tries to come up with a method to control that surplus for their use in areas that haven't been funded by past Legislatures. Promises made by this Legislature cannot and will not be satisfied by future Legislatures.	6/29/2016 9:26 PM
312	Employees pay 50% of their LEOFF contributions and they should have 50% of the control. Employers 30% and the State 20%. Heck I'd pay 100% to have complete control over our plan to keep the state from stealing our money.	6/29/2016 9:25 PM
313	The Legislature has a long history of failing to fund pension systems, perhaps starting with the inception of LEOFF 2. Remember, when bad thing happen, fires, floods, natural disasters, shootings, crime, etc. it is the first responders Law Enforcement Officers AND Firefighters who put their lives on the line to serve the public. If one has a medical emergency on say Christmas morning, call the Superintendent of Schools and see what kind of response you get. Police and fire will respond, regardless of date or time of day. Yes, they EARNED the pension they have, do not compromise the LEOFF 1 System.	6/29/2016 8:32 PM
314	It's hard to have good ?s at this point because I haven't seen any info on why the merger is being proposed.	6/29/2016 8:31 PM
315	I am opposed to any changes at this time. It is my understanding that TRS is under-funded and this appears to be a raid on the LEOFF 1 plan to prop them up and it will put these plans in a adversarial relationship	6/29/2016 7:15 PM
316	LEOFF 1 is a closed system and is costing the state 0\$.	6/29/2016 7:12 PM
317	Go ahead and merge if it just makes managing the plan easier but I do not trust anything the government does nowadays financially, what is the reason for the merger and who proposed it?	6/29/2016 7:08 PM
318	Eventually, leoff 1 will cease to exist, if anyone deserves to merge with leoff 1, it should be leoff 2. Why would any think or believe trs is equal to leoff???	6/29/2016 6:15 PM
319	The legislature needs to tighten their belts and balance a budget without taking away the benefits of those who paid into the LEOFF 1 to give to those who did not.	6/29/2016 5:57 PM
320	The legistature has been trying to appropriate the money from my system (LEOFF 1) for years. Why not just fund the other systems properly like should have been done from the beginning. No one ...or at least very few....people trust the local, state or federal government to follow through with promises concerning most anything...especially when it comes to money matters. Also the same goes for merging LEOFF 1 and LEOFF 2. They are separate systems. Don't mess LEOFF 1 up trying to fix LEOFF 2.	6/29/2016 5:50 PM
321	Look for other areas and leave the solvent LEOFF-1 system alone -- once and for all!	6/29/2016 5:09 PM
322	I feel this is a BAD plan to take away again what was promised the Law Enforcement officers of this state for the low wages paid to those officers while employed as Law Enforcement officers.	6/29/2016 4:31 PM
323	I appreciate the opportunity to provide input.	6/29/2016 4:28 PM

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324	As a member of LEOFF1, during twenty-five (25) years of service, in which I sustained several broken bones, numerous scrapes, bruises and other major and minor injuries up to and including two (2) gun fights that ended with me killing two (2) persons and wounding another. Along with the stresses involved in war riots, peace riots and race riots. During all this time I never saw a member of TRS on the side of law and order, perhaps on the other side there were a few.	6/29/2016 4:27 PM
325	I cannot live without it. I'd lose my house - everything.	6/29/2016 4:20 PM
326	LEOFF is really getting fed up with this piracy plan	6/29/2016 4:05 PM
327	I have a solution to this problem. You find a way for all of the plans to be strengthened to as nearly equal as possible. LEOFF1 would remain as it was back on the 21st Then LEOFF2 could be merged with plan 1. Then TRS1 could be merged with provisions to bring their financial condition up to snuff. The deal only goes with members of the rest of the State Washington having to commit to cleaning up these unfunded liabilities that have cost this state.	6/29/2016 3:52 PM
328	Members and spouses in the LEOFF 1 system are declining at a fast rate. I see no need to change a system that in the long run will benefit the State. A merger only puts into jeopardy our current system, opening it up to future changes at the whim of the legislature that could potentially have a negative impact. The LEOFF 1 system has previously been attacked and has withstood legal scrutiny and case law affirmation..	6/29/2016 3:44 PM
329	The TRS1 plan was alleged to have a future help clause thru the legislature. Because LEOFF1 is small in number doesn't mean we should be swept away.We did our share of providing service for the public but it was with common sense and good management.	6/29/2016 3:30 PM
330	It seems the state is always trying to pick away at a contract with us for financial gain at our expense, enough is enough, we should not have to defend our system whenever some fund need money!	6/29/2016 3:03 PM
331	WHY DO WE CONTINUALLY HAVE TO ADDRESS THE PROBLEM OF SOMEONE ATTEMPTING TO RAID LEOFF1?	6/29/2016 2:45 PM
332	If the State of Washington failed to properly fund any dedicated retirement system then they should set aside general fund money to make it solvent.	6/29/2016 2:27 PM
333	I believe the state should bail out the Teacher's fund that they neglected to properly fund, and not on the backs of the Police and Firefighters.	6/29/2016 2:18 PM
334	1) this is not good public policy as stated by some politicians	6/29/2016 2:04 PM
335	Do not reduce our retirement funding, ever.	6/29/2016 2:01 PM
336	I would hope and pray that this merger never becomes a reality. If it does, I will have lost all faith in our elected officials.	6/29/2016 1:39 PM
337	The State promised that if I paid my money into the fund and then retired with honor (after nearly 30 years) I would be able to retire with no worries about me or my wife. Right? Think!!	6/29/2016 1:33 PM
338	A merger would be like going further into debt for the purpose of delaying a bankruptcy until the problem is greater.	6/29/2016 1:28 PM
339	Washington's pension plans are among the best funded plans in the nation. Let's try to keep it that way.	6/29/2016 1:07 PM
340	LEOFF 1 is fully funded, and should remain that way until all members & spouse are dead. Sorry to disappoint you that some of us haven't died yet...	6/29/2016 1:06 PM
341	This just keeps coming up, year after year. If a merger is approved, the people involved in making it happen will be long gone when the s--- hits the fan. It's as if the Legislature is hoping if they keep bringing this up, enough LEOFF I members will be DEAD that no one will be left to complain.	6/29/2016 1:02 PM
342	Restore Plan 1 COLA immediately. The oldest poorest educators deserve it and should not be mistreated.COLA has been gone for 5 years and cost of living has increased.	6/29/2016 12:20 PM
343	Taking of our retirement funds, to fund an under/ unfunded retirement plan is not right. In fact it's B.S. even to consider such a move!	6/29/2016 12:20 PM
344	Page 7 of the report on financial condition and economic experience study (August 28, 2015)- use of funds for another plan, and combined funding ratio of 87% for all plans. This would not change in a merger.	6/29/2016 12:02 PM
345	ridiculus	6/29/2016 12:00 PM
346	#3 and 4 on steroids! Leave LEOFF I alone, play in someone else's sandbox!	6/29/2016 11:53 AM
347	We are a small and dwindling group. It is likely that within 10-15 yrs we will be a very small group.	6/29/2016 11:51 AM
348	The legislature needs to raise enough taxes to meet the mandated expenditures. They should quit giving tax breaks to big businesses and the wealthy and get rid of our regressive tax system and institute a state income tax.	6/29/2016 11:46 AM

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349	This is a BAD idea!	6/29/2016 11:40 AM
350	I am adamantly opposed to merging a fully funded plan with one that is not. This is the States responsibility to fully fund the TRS.	6/29/2016 11:31 AM
351	I would like the politicians to keep their hands and minds off our retirement system as we all have experienced what happens when they start messing with something.	6/29/2016 11:18 AM
352	LEOFF 2 keeps making an attempt to merge with LEOFF 1. I am opposed to this merger as well.	6/29/2016 11:13 AM
353	Stop messing with the system and do something worth while and trying to steal from a well funded system.	6/29/2016 11:12 AM
354	This whole process looks like stealing or robbery of our money. Those in legislature should be ashamed and not be reelected.	6/29/2016 11:11 AM
355	Why is the LEOFF1 members' responsibility to sacrifice some of their security in receiving future payments to another group whose undercontributions at least in part led to the underfunded status of their plan?	6/29/2016 11:07 AM
356	Every session the legislature has had a heart burn because LEOFF 1 has been solvent and will continue to be so until they get their hands on it. As far as the Teachers, it is their problem that they did not fully fund their retirement, not the LEOFF 1 members. There should be a law that no mergers are possible.	6/29/2016 11:05 AM
357	I do not trust the legislature in anyway with my retirement system.	6/29/2016 10:54 AM
358	This survey appears to be slanted toward the legislature proposing a merger of retirement plans. Where are the questions about why the legislature should not consider such a plan? That seems to be the logical place to start. It seems as if the legislature is intent on 'fixing' the underfunded TRS 1 and LEOFF 2 pension system with money LEOFF 1 members contributed. I see this as an unfair tax on LEOFF 1 members. Why doesn't the legislature simply increase the LEOFF 2 members and employer's contributions to assure this pension plan is viable? Why doesn't the legislature own up to its responsibility to pay for the obligations it has set for itself such as properly funding pension systems? Why won't the legislature increase taxes to pay for constitutional obligations such as fully funding the educational system instead of stealing the pension fund dollars contributed by LEOFF 1 members over the past decades? Why has the state of Washington allowed LEOFF 1 pension members, their employers and the state to forego pension contributions since 2000? That 'free ride' has cost the LEOFF 1 pension system millions of dollars of contributions.	6/29/2016 10:47 AM
359	Try to resist the unfailling urge to find more money to spend and the potential to lay off responsibility to fix any errors to future legislatures.	6/29/2016 10:06 AM
360	This merger will cost more to implement and create than to just maintain the status quo, and probably end up in very costly lawsuits	6/29/2016 10:02 AM
361	I AM VERY MUCH AGAINST A MERGER. TERS should have been funded years ago. Now it should be funded out of the general budget, just as it should have been all along.	6/29/2016 10:00 AM
362	We are dying as fast as we can. Soon you will be able to inherit it.	6/29/2016 9:46 AM
363	I am not for any action by Legislation on my money	6/29/2016 9:25 AM
364	I am opposed to a merger.	6/29/2016 9:08 AM
365	it is difficult to accept that a police officer or firefighter can retire after 20 years service but a state worker in institutions have to work 30. all are extremely high stress jobs but are treated differently in the retirement system. merger them all.	6/29/2016 8:43 AM
366	How would the Legislature keep both plans funded?	6/29/2016 8:27 AM
367	The Legislature should seek any needed funding from other sources and not tamper with earned benefits for those on pension.	6/29/2016 7:45 AM
368	Case law, from past attempts at such breaking contracts, has shown it is illegal.	6/29/2016 7:38 AM
369	This merger is wrong minded and if proposed, will backfire on the legislature. Move the funds to LEOFFII and improve medical for retired LEOFF members to bridge the gap between retirement and Medicare.	6/29/2016 7:32 AM
370	Having already screwed over PERS 1 by taking away a COLA Promise - you now intend to screw over more RETIREES (OR is it just another knife to PERS 1)? Cut YOUR benefits!	6/29/2016 6:49 AM
371	This is just an example of why the people of this country have lost faith and trust in government	6/29/2016 6:44 AM
372	Steal funds from your own pensions. Nothing against teachers. They are fully funded in later years if you don't dip into their funds again.	6/29/2016 6:35 AM

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373	It is amazing that so many LEOFF 2 members think that "THEY" pay our medical..it does not come out of our pension fund. In my case, Sno. Cty. has a board and planned ahead. They pay our medical and covered items. Do not take our board away!	6/29/2016 6:27 AM
374	Why fix something that works as well as leoff 1 system.	6/29/2016 6:14 AM
375	find some other way to fund the inequities of the teachers retirement system	6/29/2016 6:02 AM
376	No Merger - PLEASE!!	6/29/2016 5:43 AM
377	To even consider this possible merger is a statement of lack of concern for the welfare of LEOFF1 members after they have spent their lives serving the State of Washington.	6/29/2016 5:27 AM
378	This is nothing but a pension raid to bail out the Legislature's past unwillingness to fully fund TRS and is a slap in the face to WA's public safety officers - SHAME on them; see you in court.	6/29/2016 3:46 AM
379	I am personally tired of the Legislature messing with our (LEOFF1) retirement. We make way less money than the Legislatures do in their retirement. Why not take some from them to fund shortages in other retirement systems? They are the ones who have borrowed from those funds that shorted them in the first place. How about merging the Legislature's retirement funds with TRS1 and or LEOFF2	6/28/2016 11:48 PM
380	We are not the same as LEOFF. We do not get the same benefits they already have, medical, etc.	6/28/2016 10:01 PM
381	Keep your hands off my pension fund.	6/28/2016 9:24 PM
382	Please do not allow this merger happen.	6/28/2016 9:20 PM
383	This needs to be left alone!!!!	6/28/2016 7:50 PM
384	I think your retirement plan will work great with this Plan..	6/28/2016 7:39 PM
385	DON"T take LEOFF1 funds; they belong to LEOFF1 memebrs!	6/28/2016 7:35 PM
386	leave leoff 1 alone, when we are all dead you then can take whats left over	6/28/2016 7:16 PM
387	I suggest that TRS1 research a means of raising their contributions to their retirement plan from their members, and not rely on stealing from other plans!	6/28/2016 7:09 PM
388	No one should have the right to use LEOFF 1 funds to support / join other systems. LEOFF 1 was created as a benefit for cops & firemen . If this system is scrubbed for the sake of others pensions, it will show new cops that NO system is secure & they'll look elsewhere. Stand by what was written & promised by the state.	6/28/2016 6:13 PM
389	The biggest thieves are in Olympia, I am not amused.	6/28/2016 5:54 PM
390	Why does the State feel so entitled that they can loot solvent funds to prop up failing ones increase the teachers contribution percentage to fix their shortfall I may be one of the last survivors and I don't want some autocrat telling me the money ran out.	6/28/2016 5:41 PM
391	When LEOFF1 buries it's final member, then the remaining \$\$\$ should go to LEOFF2 - but not a minute before. TRS folks need to look elsewhere.	6/28/2016 5:38 PM
392	If what I've said already doesn't register, I'm wasting my time.	6/28/2016 5:32 PM
393	To be very candid, I'm very opposed to a LEOFF 1 LEOFF 2 merger based on the tactics used by the LEOFF 2 Board in 2012. I'm very concerned that if a merger took place LEOFF 2 will put itself in a position of power and rule the retirement system a leaving LEOFF 1 with little to no representation. In addition the treat of using the LEOFF 1 surplus to enhance LEOFF 2 benefits, This is exactly what took place back in 2012. And if a merger ever took place the State of Washington and not the LEOFF 2 Board needs to be the overseer. LEOFF 1 and LLEOFF @ merged Le\The LEOFF 2 Board will file the retirements system without LEOFF 1 having equal representation.	6/28/2016 5:30 PM
394	When all of the LEOFF 1 members are dead and gone then you can do what you want to with the plan.	6/28/2016 5:30 PM
395	Quit attacking LEOFF 1 retirement system....just because the teachers did not adequatley fund thier systems, not a reason to attack our....	6/28/2016 5:07 PM
396	There is nothing fair or equitable in this proposal.	6/28/2016 4:55 PM
397	Sometimes these things are done to take money away from retirees...not cool. Or these things are done to fund other pet projects...also not cool. If the government is facing financial woes, they need to learn to prioritize funding. Law enforcement and basic life safety should be the priority in any government...somewhere it seems that they have lost sight of that point. If they start unfairly messing with retirement plans, it may be even more difficult to attract qualified candidates.	6/28/2016 4:18 PM
398	N/A	6/28/2016 3:55 PM