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Thank you to Senators Braun and Conway for supporting my request for more data to establish equity, or lack of equity, among Plans One, Two and Three of the Washington State Retirement System. I didn't see a way to access the Chat on my screen, so am sending this summary of my comment.

My personal experience is as a Plan One Retiree, retired in 2007 at age 65, I received the Uniform COLA for three years, then in the next twelve years (including 2022) have or will receive three cost of living increases. The first two I remember as being on the first \$25,000 of yearly income, and the third on the first \$44,000. My years of experience in Plan One amounted to 20.49, and the first two COLAs may or may not have covered my whole income, and the third definitely will cover my whole income. I was enrolled in Plan One when I worked full time for the second semester of the 1976-77 school year, the last semester that Plan One was offered. I then worked for ten years at a private school; after which I returned to public school employment.

I would be interested in comparisons of the pensions received by persons of similar age and similar experience at retirement. There are so many ways that the time of retirement, age at retirement and years of experience at retirement can impact the pension that is received. I am aware that being in Plan One is an advantage at the beginning of retirement, but without a consistent COLA, it seems to be a disadvantage as time goes on.

Thank you for considering this request for information.

Very truly yours,  
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