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Dear members of the Select Committee on Pension Policy:

Below is a picture prior to the May 12, 2025 Memorial Service held by Walla Walla/Columbia School Retirees' Association (WWCSRA). Each candle on the table represents one of our members who died in the past year. Two more had to be added before completion of the memorial service.

These lost members also represent a reduction in the UALL for TRS 1 and PERS 1—the underfunding that resulted from legislators failing to pay the state's full share into those two retirement plans from 2001-2010. WWCSRA is only 1 of 34 units of the Washington State School Retirees' Association (WSSRA). While the numbers vary annually, this reduction of older members occurs in all units every year. The hundreds lost statewide are also recognized annually at the WSSRA convention.

I've wondered before if this is exactly what some legislators want since each death reduces the UALL.

It's past time for legislators to recognize the contributions to their communities and the state made by the elderly members of these two plans by providing an annual, ongoing COLA—which members of EVERY other WA DRS plan have.

Respectfully,

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