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Sent: Wednesday, March 27, 2024 8:50 AM
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Cc: Aslakson, Melinda <Melinda.Aslakson@leg.wa.gov>; Gutierrez, Aaron <Aaron.Gutierrez@leg.wa.gov>; Painter, Darren <Darren.Painter@leg.wa.gov>
Subject: RE: Retiring in the US

Thanks Tracy. I will forward to SCPP staff.

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Matt

From: Guerin, Tracy (DRS) <tracy.guerin@drs.wa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 27, 2024 8:35 AM
To: Merchant, Shawn (DRS) <shawn.merchant@drs.wa.gov>; brahma375@gmail.com; john.lovicj@leg.wa.gov; april.beth@leg.wa.gov
Cc: Smith, Matt <Matt.Smith@leg.wa.gov>
Subject: Re: Retiring in the US

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Good morning M. Swasey,

Thank you for your email. I have included Matt Smith the State Actuary on this response as his team staffs the SCPP. I am confident Matt will include this correspondence in the April packet for the SCPP and that staff to the SCPP can let you know what, if any, action is taken on your request.

Your request is something that would be analyzed by the SCPP so you were correct in sending it to that group. I'm sorry you didn't receive a response.

Sincerely,
Tracy Guerin

Sent via iPhone. Please excuse any misspellings.

From: David Swasey <brahma375@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 26, 2024 6:20 PM
To: Lovick, John <John.Lovick@leg.wa.gov>; Berg, April (LEG) <April.Berg@leg.wa.gov>
Cc: DRS Legislation <drs.legislation@drs.wa.gov>
Subject: Re: Retiring in the US

Curious if there's an answer here. I'd like to meet, virtually, with Senator Lovick and Representative Berg about these PERS retirement concerns I have and I have started talking with colleagues. Also, some type of feedback simply acknowledging I reached out the DRS would be nice as well.

Thank you,

Dave Swasey
425-374-9488

On Mon, Mar 11, 2024 at 10:38 PM David Swasey <brahma375@gmail.com> wrote:
Older people are working later and later in their years and it's completely unacceptable. These people followed what politicians told them; social security will be there and now certain members of US congress want to raise the age and some just want to take it away. I know you can't do anything about that but you can enact Bills that protect older people in this state.

As it sits, currently, the life expectancy in the US is roughly 77 years of age.

As I have explained in previous emails, I reached out to SCPP multiple times in 2023 and I received no answer from them and this is not acceptable. There is no reason why this country and this state shouldn't allow people to retire when they have provided 30 years or more of public service. The LEOFF program allows participants to retire at 53 years of age, and they are even planning to possibly change rules to allow retired LEOFF enrollees to return to service because they can't find people for state patrol positions, so I know changing rules is possible (I guess I have to get the state patrol on my side?)

I decided to start these conversations well before I can retire early (in roughly 6 years) because I knew it would be an uphill battle and I'm no longer union because I'm a manager so I can't ask AFSCME to get involved. What I didn't know was that my requests would be met with silence.

If my requests for a study to be done aren't at least answered this week then I will be sharing my fun journey so far with the many code official colleagues I have so they can also start contacting their representatives and so they can get their unions involved, and so I will have support coming from somewhere because so far the state has shown me they could care less.

Object of the lesson for the SCPP? Don't leave constituents on read.

Thank you for your time,

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