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Washington Select Committee on Pension Policy
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Members of the Select Committee on Pension Policy:

The LEOFF Plan 2 Retirement Board (Board) adopted their interim workplan during the Board's June meeting. The Board's interim workplan includes the following policy items which the SCPP may want to coordinate with the Board on:

- **Overpayment Responsibility** – In most instances when an employer error causes a retiree to receive an overpayment the retiree is responsible for paying back the overpayment to the Department of Retirement Systems (DRS). The Board will study whether there should be a more consistent policy of the employer paying back overpayments due to employer errors.
- **Lump Sum Special Death Benefit** – There have been instances where survivors of members who died in the line of duty were denied their lump sum special death retirement benefit because they missed Labor and Industries (LNI) deadlines for applying for the benefit. The lump sum special death benefit is a benefit for all retirement systems and plans and is paid out of the respective pension systems not LNI.
- **DRS Appeal Deadlines** - Some LEOFF 2 members have missed the deadline to file an administrative appeal with DRS, citing confusion over deadlines.

In addition to these policy items, the Board's interim plan also includes studying a number of LEOFF 2 issues.

The Board is scheduled to receive initial briefings on each of these topics during the July and September Board meetings. I will continue to keep the SCPP apprised of the Board's work throughout the interim. If the SCPP is interested in coordinating on any of these specific policy items, please let me know and I will work with SCPP staff.

Sincerely,

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