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Senator Boehnke,

Statistics are always interesting in that they sometimes vary depending on who does the study. In today's (9/3/24) Union Bulletin, under Viewpoints on page 4A (the page right after obituaries) was a story about declining life expectancy.

I found it a little disturbing that in 2019, life expectancy in Washington State was 80.0. Then in 2020 it dropped to 79.2 and now, it seems to have dropped to 78.2. Considering my current age is 77 and 7 months, this decline is somewhat disturbing.

This is just another reason it is hoped that a permanent COLA will come soon for those of us in Plans 1 retirement systems.

Sincerely,

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