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I am a PERS 2 retiree from the State of Washington. I enjoy and appreciate receiving a COLA every year. It was EXTREMELY SHORTSIGHTED of the creators of the PERS 1 pension plan to not include yearly COLAs for those retirees. Perhaps there was no, or very little, inflation when PERS 1 was enacted. That has changed in past years. There is always inflation be it a small or large number.

I implore you to enact a permanent COLA for the PERS 1 pension system. Please enact a COLA with a 3% cap like the PERS 2 COLA. Not having a pension plan with an ongoing COLA shows little respect for the employees that worked diligently for years for the State of Washington. Since there is NO COLA, these retirees are on an extremely tight and fixed income. It can't be expected that someone can live on 2005 and earlier dollars in 2022 and later. It is an atrocity that PERS 1 retirees have no COLA.

Please enact one during the current legislative session.

Thank you,

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