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The Honorable Steve Conway
Washington State Senator
Chair, Select Committee on Pension Policy
PO Box 40914
Olympia, WA 98504-0914

Dear Chair Conway:

The Department of Retirement Systems (DRS) requests the Select Committee on Pension Policy (SCPP) consider reviewing and endorsing legislation regarding personal data held by DRS and the Public Records Act. While not an issue of benefits or funding policy, this topic might be of interest given that the SCPP represents key stakeholders that rely on DRS services.

Under current law, after receipt of a public records request relating to a class of DRS customers, DRS must review records, apply exemptions, and release the records. The records release can contain information about tens or hundreds of thousands of DRS customers.

DRS is requesting that the SCPP review changes to the Public Records Act that would allow DRS to limit the amount of personal data a requestor can receive.

DRS customers are the targets of identity theft attempts and we believe this change would be a great service to our customers by limiting the amount of personal information about them that is released while preserving the public's access to an individual's disclosable data.

Thank you for your consideration of this suggestion. I am happy to answer any questions or provide any additional information if needed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tracy Guerin".

Tracy Guerin
Director

cc: Members of the Select Committee on Pension Policy