

**Washington State Health Care Authority
Public Employees Benefits (PEB) Program
LEOFF 2 Board Presentation
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PEBB Technical Corrections Bill

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PEBB Overview

- PEBB is the Public Employees Benefits Board program which is a part of the Washington State Healthcare Authority (HCA.)
- PEBB provides insurance coverage to eligible state and higher-education employees, retirees, and their dependents, as well as eligible groups.
- PEBB provides health benefits coverage for about 340,000 members
 - Including **138** Surviving spouses, state registered domestic partners, and dependent children of emergency service personnel who are killed in the line of duty
- PEBB coverage for LEOFF 2 survivors includes:
 - Medical and Dental coverage
 - Optional coverage includes long-term care, auto, and home

Key Issues within the PEB Technical Corrections Bill

- Clean-up of Domestic Partner Eligibility: Two bills enacted in 2009 addressed the benefit rights of domestic partners of emergency service personnel killed in the line of duty. They amended RCW 41.05.080 in slightly different forms.
 - This proposal amends RCW 41.05.080 to achieve a single statutory provision consistent with the three domestic partner bills enacted in 2009.
 - Repeals 41.05.080 as amended by 2009 c 522 in order to achieve a single statutory provision consistent with the three domestic partner bills enacted in 2009
- Align Child Dependent Coverage: The statute conflicts with provisions of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) because it extends self-paid PEBB coverage to dependents up to age 25, not paid on the same basis as other dependents and up to age 26 as required.

Closing

- Request support for our technical corrections bill during the upcoming legislative session
- Appreciate the support that you have provided this bill in previous sessions
- Questions?