

Summary of Draft Legislation

Board Member Time Loss

Background:

Members of the LEOFF Plan 2 Retirement Board serve without compensation but are entitled to reimbursement for reasonable travel and education expenses incurred in the performance of their duties. Some public employers require their employees to take leave without pay when they conduct Board business during the regular work schedule. Compensation for lost work must be expressly authorized in statute. The State Investment Board has express authorization for compensating Board members for time loss.

Employers may incur expenses to meet employee coverage requirements if Board members are unable to work their scheduled shift.

Legislation:

The bill provides that a Board member who is a public employee will suffer no loss because of absence from their regular employment as a result of performing their Board duties.

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Brief Description: Serving on the law enforcement officers' and fire fighters' retirement system plan 2 retirement board of trustees.

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ELECTRONIC TRANSMITTAL

AN ACT Relating to serving on the law enforcement officers' and fire fighters' retirement system plan 2 retirement board of trustees; and adding a new section to chapter 41.26 RCW.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 41.26 RCW under the subchapter heading "plan 2 governance" to read as follows:

Members of the board who are public employees shall serve without compensation but shall suffer no loss because of absence from their regular employment. Members of the board who are not public employees shall be compensated in accordance with RCW 43.03.240. Members of the board who are not legislators shall be reimbursed for travel expenses incurred in the performance of their duties as provided in RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060. Legislative members shall receive allowances provided for in RCW 44.04.120.