



Legislative Session Review

March 27, 2024

LEOFF 2 “Omnibus Bill” - SB 6197

- **Removes Statute of Limitations for applying for the Special Death Benefit**
- **Clarifies the definition of fire fighter**
- **Shifts responsibility of paying back overpayments due to employer error**
- **Converts certain PTSD non-duty disability retirees to duty disability**
- **Gives the LEOFF 2 Board authority over policy staff salaries**

LEOFF 2 Legislation Not Passed

- **SB 6198 – Employees of the LEOFF 2 Board**
 - Partially amended into SB 6197
- **HB 2013 – Month of Death**
 - PEBB issue resolved in separate legislation (HB 2481)

Supplemental Budget – SB 5950

- **Fully funds LEOFF plan 2**
 - Appropriations reflect pension rates adopted by the Board
- **DRS Budget**
 - Received funding (\$267k) to implement SB 6197
- **Agency Budget**
 - CTS (WaTech) central services increase funded (+\$35k)
 - OFM services increase funded (+\$10k)
 - PEBB and PERS rate changes funded (-\$1k)

Other Bills of Interest - Passed

- **Flexible Work Policies for Law Enforcement Officers (SB 5424)**
 - Part-time LEO now eligible for LEOFF 2
- **Pre-LEOFF Funeral Costs (SB 6263)**
 - Raises funeral reimbursement payment for pre-LEOFF firefighters from \$500 to \$1,000 to equal those paid to LEO

Other Bills of Interest – Not Passed

- **Expanding Definition of Veteran (SB 6000)**
- **Establishing Law Enforcement Officer Retirement Medical Trust Plan (SB 6022)**
- **Part-Time retiree Return to Work (HB 2167)**



Thank You

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