### **BOARD MEETING AGENDA**

NOVEMBER 20, 2024 • 9:30AM

Jessica Burkhart, Benefits Ombudsman Tor Jernudd, Assistant Attorney General

Steve Nelsen, Executive Director Tim Valencia, Deputy Director Chloe Drawsby, Executive Assistant

Jessie Jackson, Administrative Services Manager Jacob White, Senior Research and Policy Manager

Karen Durant, Senior Research and Policy Manager Tammy Sadler, Lead Benefits Ombudsman

> THEY KEEP US SAFE. WE KEEP THEM SECURE.



LOCATION - Hybrid Meeting	1.	Approval of <u>September &amp; October</u> 2024 Minutes	9:30 AM
In-Person: Washington State Investment Board 2100 Evergreen Park Drive SW, Suite 100 Olympia, WA 98502	2.	<b>DRS Annual Update</b> Shawn Merchant, Director Legislative and Community Relations, DRS	9:35 AM
Or Virtual Meeting Information at www.leoff.wa.gov	3.	<b>CEM Update</b> Mark Feldhausen, Budget and Performance Management Director, DRS	10:00 AM
TRUSTEES	4.	WSIB Annual Update	10:30 AM
DENNIS LAWSON, CHAIR Central Pierce Fire and Rescue (Retired)		Allyson Tucker, Chief Executive Officer, WSIB James Aber, Institutional Relations Director, WSIB	
JASON GRANNEMAN, VICE CHAIR Clark County Sheriff's Office	5.	2025 Board Meeting Calendar Adoption	11:00 AM
MARK JOHNSTON Vancouver Fire Department (Retired)	э.	Chloe Drawsby, Executive Assistant	11.00 AM
AJ JOHNSON Snohomish County Fire	6.	Part-time Fire Fighter Employment – Comprehensive Jacob White, Sr Research and Policy Manager	11:15 AM
SENATOR JEFF HOLY WA State Senator	7.	Salary Setting Responsibility Karen Durant, Sr. Research and Policy Manager	11: <b>45 PM</b>
TARINA ROSE-WATSON Spokane Int'I Airport Police Dept		<b><u>Possible</u></b> Executive Session; For the purpose of reviewing the performance of a public employee.	
PAT MCELLIGOTT			
East Pierce County Fire and Rescue	8.	Public Comment	12:45 PM
JAY BURNEY City of Olympia	9.	Administrative Update	1:00 PM
WOLF OPITZ Pierce County		Steve Nelsen, Executive Director	
REPRESENTATIVE STEVE BERGQUIST WA State Representative	10.	<u>Possible</u> Executive Session For the purpose of reviewing potential litigation.	1:10 PM
DARELL STIDHAM Spokane County Sheriff's Office (Retired)	11.	<u>Possible</u> Executive Session For the purpose of reviewing the performance of a public	1:40 PM
STAFF		employee.	
Steve Nelsen, Executive Director			

\*Public comment can be provided to the Board in writing 24 hours prior to the meeting via our reception mailbox: recep@leoff.wa.gov.

\* Lunch is served as an integral part of these meetings.

In accordance with RCW 42.30.110, the Board may call an Executive Session for the purpose of deliberating such matters as provided by law. Final actions contemplated by the Board in Executive Session will be taken in open session. The Board may elect to take action on any item appearing on this agenda.

## Department of Retirement Systems Annual Update

Shawn Merchant Legislative and Community Relations

> LEOFF Plan 2 Retirement Board November 20, 2024



## Pensions at a Glance

### Membership

• 935,598 members and annuitants

### Financial

- \$196.8 billion held in retirement trust fund assets
- \$5.5 billion collected annually in contributions
- \$8.1 billion paid annually in benefits and contribution refunds

96% funded ratio overall

DEPARTMENT OF Retirement Systems

## DCP by the Numbers

### Participants

- 147,728 total participants
- 96,101 active contributors
  - 89,518 Pre-tax
  - 1,118 Roth
  - 5,465 Both
- Average monthly contributions: 4.56%, \$741

### Auto Enrollment

- More than 70,000 participants have been auto-enrolled since Jan. 2017
- Retention rate: 88%

### \$7.1 Billion in Total Assets

washington state Department of Retirement Systems

## DCP Pre-tax by the Numbers

### Participants

- 146,578 total participants
- 94,983 active contributors
  - 77% state employees
  - 23% non-state employees
- Average monthly contributions: 4.29%, \$720.78

### **57.0 Billion in Total Assets**



## DCP Roth by the Numbers

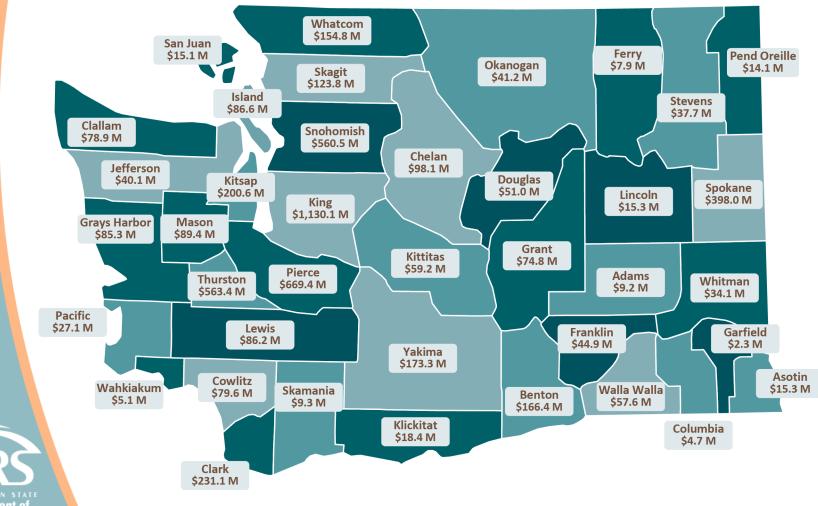
### Participants

- 6,748 total participants
- 6,583 active contributors
  - 60% state employees
  - 40% non-state employees
- Average monthly contributions: 8.63%, \$898.53

### \$32.4 Million in Total Assets

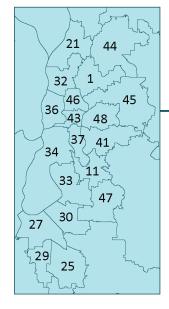


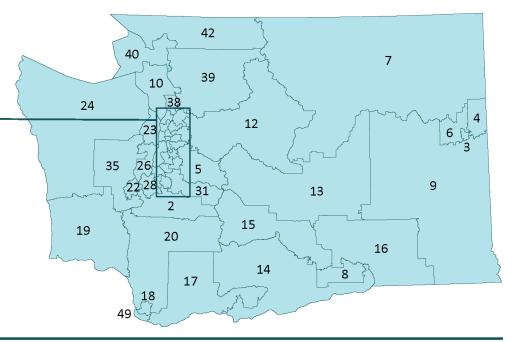
## Benefits by County (FY24)



Department of Retirement Systems

## Benefits by Leg. District (FY24)





1	\$99,194,088
2	\$108,284,731
3	\$90,144,346
4	\$105,022,186
5	\$84,661,108
6	\$109,603,871
7	\$148,775,110
8	\$123,507,827
9	\$130,752,014
10	\$148,346,302
11	\$60,683,921
12	\$150,088,592
13	\$141,212,210
14	\$114,948,606

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16 \$112,787,376
17 \$70,626,622
18 \$72,191,799
19 \$129,659,296
20 \$123,879,304
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22 \$319,781,264
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28 \$112,541,407

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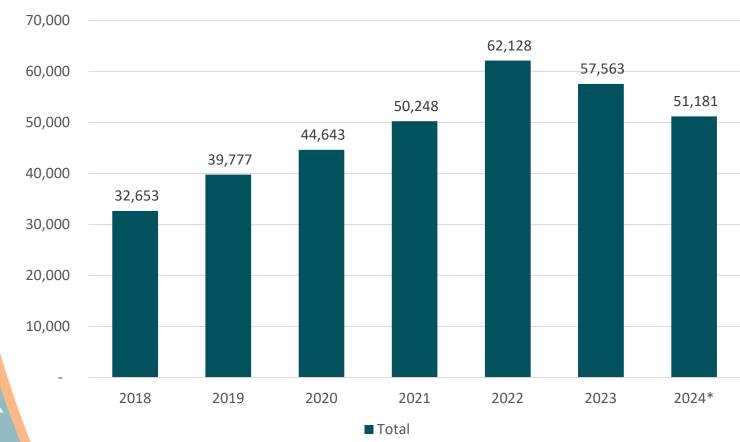
43	\$46,841,501
44	\$95,854,395
45	\$65,613,943
46	\$93,440,421
47	\$66,704,805
48	\$46,490,320
49	\$57,321,054

#### Total: \$5,159,438,855



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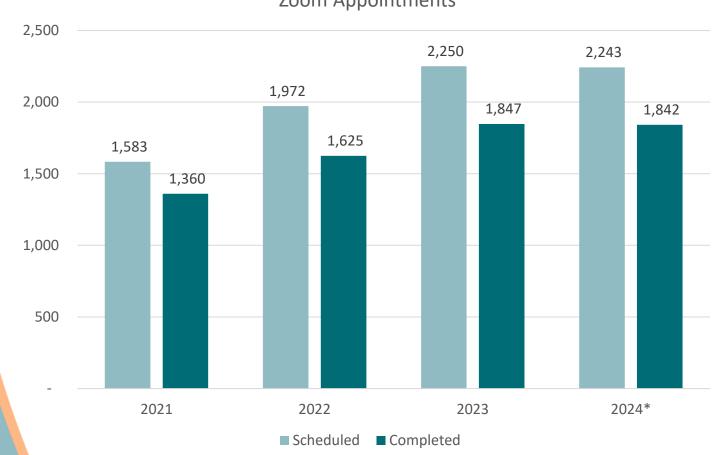
## Workload Growth: Email



**Email Volume** 

WASHINGTON STATE Department of Retirement Systems

## Workload Growth: Zoom



Zoom Appointments

**Department of** Retirement Systems

## **Retirement Readiness**

To help customers prepare for and enjoy retirement, we launched the "Fund Your Future" podcast series, which has more than 32,000 downloads.

# Episode 33 – How pensions are guaranteed in Washington state

Posted on February 7, 2024



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## 2025-27 Biennial Budget

### Inflationary impact on CORE

- \$11.08 million in 25-27
- \$2.26 million ongoing
- 0.0 FTEs

Processing Financial Transactions

- \$0.96 million in 25-27
- \$0.93 million ongoing
- 5.0 FTEs

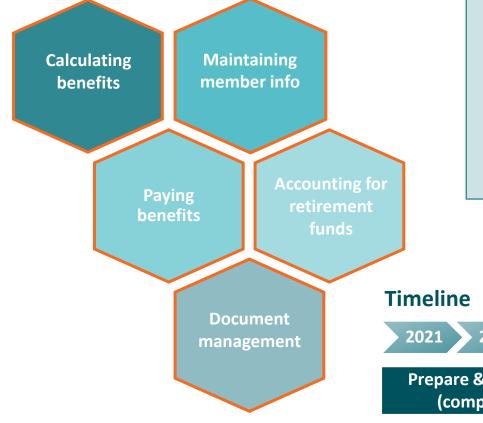




### WA DRS Pension Administration Modernization

#### About the project

We're implementing a scalable, modernized system that makes data easily accessible and creates an excellent user experience for team members and customers. This CORE: PAM phase of ongoing technology upgrades will replace our legacy technology in these areas:

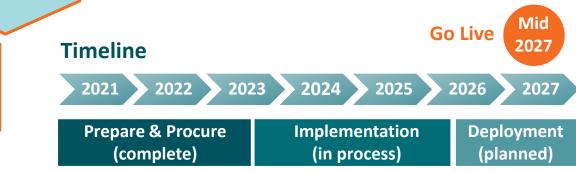


#### About our vendor:



is a global software provider focused on solving complex, business-rule-driven problems with domain experts and proven technology.

The secure, fully integrated, web-based pension administration solution Neospin<sup>™</sup> solution is powered by Xelence, Sagitec's market leading platform, and supports millions of plan participants, thousands of employers, and administers multiple types of pension plans.



## Questions?



Washington State Investment Board

### WASHINGTON STATE INVESTMENT BOARD ANNUAL UPDATE – 2024 LEOFF 2 BOARD

NOVEMBER 20, 2024

Allyson Tucker, CFA, CAIA Chief Executive Officer







#### **Investment Management Profile**

- \$213.3 billion in assets under management as of September 30, 2024
- 18 pension funds
- 5 Labor and Industries' funds
- 16 permanent and other trust funds

#### Investment Scope and Scale

- 93 countries
- Across 6 continents and 52 currencies
- More than 17,000 investment holdings
- 130+ external investment managers and partners across five asset classes

#### **Organization Size and Scale**

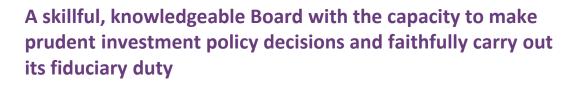
- Staffing: 117 employees
- Two offices: Olympia and Seattle
- Hybrid 60/40 on-premise/remote work
- Mission-driven culture based on nonnegotiable integrity and fiduciary duty

#### **WSIB Strengths**

- Industry-leading long-term investment performance
- Good governance and strategic decisionmaking
- Hard-working, high-quality employees
- Willingness to be different

- Independent Board comprised of 15 members
- 10 voting members
- 5 investment professionals
- Multiple appointment authorities

3 EX-OFFICIO MEME	BERS		2 LEGISLATORS	
Tracy	Joel	Mike	Mark	Mia
Guerin	Sacks	Pellicciotti	Mullet	Gregerson
<sub>DRS</sub>	L&I	<sup>State</sup>	Member of	Member of the House
Director	Director	Treasurer	the Senate	of Representatives
<b>5 REPRESENTATIVES</b>	OF THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEE P	ENSION SYSTEMS		
Greg	Yona	Tracy	Sara	Liz
Markley	Makowski	Stanley	Ketelsen	Lewis
<sup>Chair</sup>	Vice Chair	Active Member of	<sup>Member of</sup>	Member of
Member of LEOFF	State Pension System Retiree	PERS	TRS	SERS
5 INVESTMENT PRO	FESSIONALS (NON-VOTING N	1EMBERS)		
David	Mary	Heather	Ada	George
Nierenberg	Pugh	Redman	Healey	Zinn



A disciplined, long-term investment perspective that adheres to a structured, forward-looking analysis and decision-making process

> Operational excellence to support continuously improving investment analysis, risk management, accounting, and communications

A work environment that attracts and keeps high-quality people who are committed to serving our beneficiaries with integrity, prudence, and skill

Impeccable integrity at all levels

#### **Retirement Funds**

- Public Employees' Plans 1, 2, 3
- School Employees' Plans 2, 3
- Teachers' Plans 1, 2, 3
- Law Enforcement Officers' and Firefighters' Plans 1, 2
- Judicial Retirement Account Defined Contribution
- Washington State Patrol Plans 1, 2
- Deferred Compensation Program
- Public Service Employees' Plan 2
- Higher Education Retirement Plan Supplemental Benefit
- Volunteer Firefighters' and Reserve Officers' Relief and Pension (VFFRO)

#### Labor and Industries' Funds

- Accident
- Medical Aid
- Pension Reserve
- Supplemental Pension
- Industrial Insurance Rainy Day (unfunded)

#### **Permanent Funds**

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- Agricultural College
- Common School
- Normal School
- Scientific
- State University
- American Indian Endowed Scholarship
- Foster Care Endowed Scholarship (unfunded)

#### **Other Funds**

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- Guaranteed Education Tuition
- Developmental Disabilities Endowment (private and state)
- Washington State Opportunity Scholarship (Scholarship, Endowment, Tech Pathway, and Degree Pathway)
- Long-Term Services and Support
- Dan Thompson Memorial

#### 43.33A.110

The Board shall establish investment policies and procedures designed exclusively to maximize return at a prudent level of risk

#### 43.33A.140

The Board shall consider investments not in isolation, but in the context of the investment of the particular fund as a whole and as part of an overall investment strategy, which should incorporate risk and return objectives reasonably suited for that fund

#### 43.33A.010

Unless otherwise prescribed by law, the state investment board shall exercise all the powers and perform all duties with respect to the investment of public trust and retirement funds

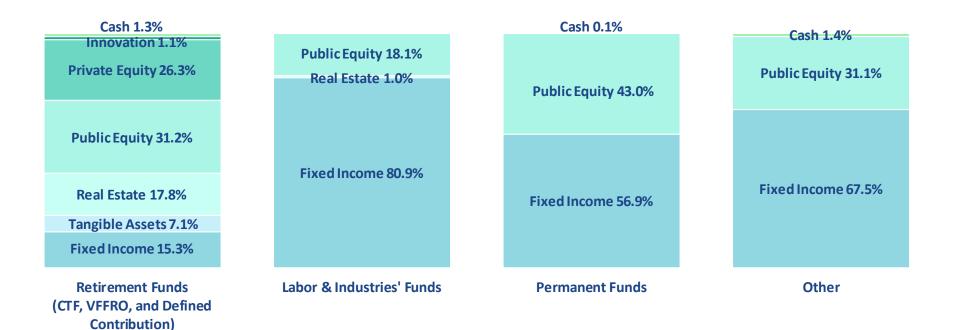
#### 43.84.150

When investment authority over a particular fund or account lies with the state investment board, the board shall have full power to invest, reinvest, manage, contract, or sell or exchange investments acquired

#### 43.33A.170

The state investment board is authorized to establish commingled trust funds in the state treasury for the implementation of specific investment programs for any combination of funds under its jurisdiction

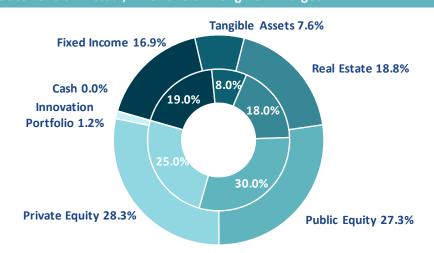
Total Assets Under Management	\$213.3	
Retirement Funds	\$187.3	87.8%
L&I Funds	\$21.3	10.0%
Permanent Funds	\$1.4	0.6%
Other Funds	\$3.4	1.6%



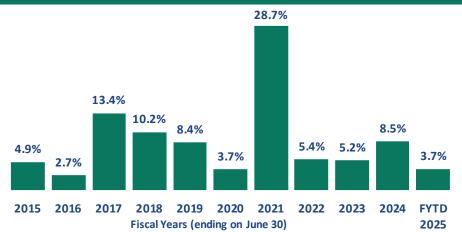
### CTF PERFORMANCE AND MARKET VALUES SEPTEMBER 30, 2024



#### **Asset Allocation**



#### Outer Circle – Actual, Inner Circle – Long-Term Target



#### **Market Values and Returns**

		1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year	20 Year
Total CTF	\$172.5 B	12.7%	6.2%	10.4%	9.3%	8.8%
Fixed Income	\$26.4 B	<b>13.4%</b>	0.3%	1.9%	2.8%	4.2%
Tangible Assets	\$13.1 B	<b>13.8</b> %	10.5%	9.3%	6.8%	N/A
Real Estate	\$32.4 B	-3.8%	<b>10.2%</b>	11.6%	11.6%	10.8%
Public Equity	\$47.3 B	30.9%	8.0%	12.1%	9.7%	8.6%
Private Equity	\$48.9 B	9.5%	5.3%	14.4%	<b>13.2%</b>	13.3%
Innovation Portfolio	\$2.0 B	9.3%	8.7%	10.1%	- <b>2.1%</b>	N/A
Cash	\$2.6 B	5.6%	3.7%	2.5%	1.8%	1.7%

#### Historical Fund Returns

#### STRATEGIC THEME CHALLENGING OUR ASSUMPTIONS

#### **Investment Excellence**



- What investment strategies should we pursue?
- How will ESG and geopolitical risk integration evolve over the next 5 to 10 years?
- How can we more effectively manage costs?

#### **Destination Employer**

- What challenges should we anticipate in a rapidly changing workplace?
- How will we enhance our employee experience?
- What can we offer to differentiate the WSIB in a competitive marketplace?

#### Skillful Board



How do we tell our story in the context of increasing external interest?

#### **Highly Effective Organization**



- How do we effectively operate in a period of higher staff transition?
- What are we doing to prepare for retiring staff and Board turnover?
- How can we add further clarity to our decisionmaking process and roles?

#### 2025 CTF Strategic Asset Allocation Study

**Advance Climate Blueprint** 

- Advance TCFD\*-aligned reporting
- Evaluate climate risks and opportunities

Continue to integrate the agency's Vision, Mission, and Values across the organization

#### Manage Board and staff transition risk

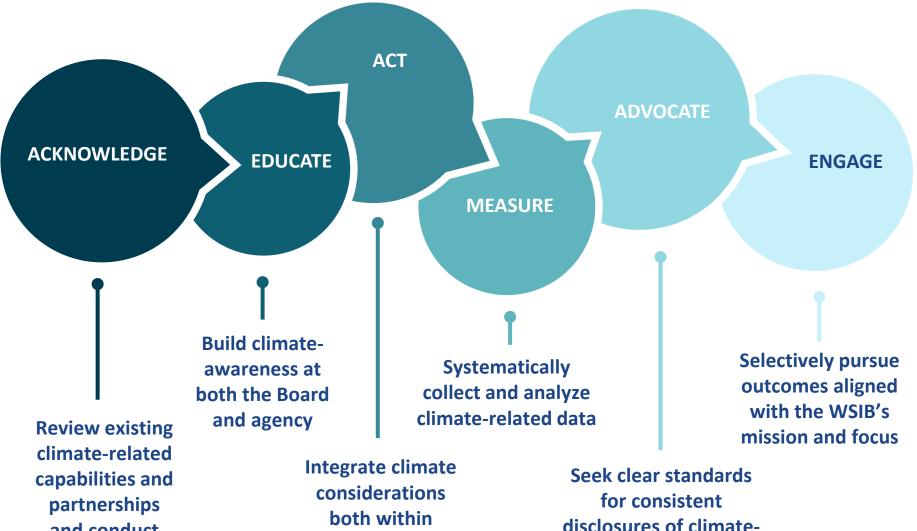
- Succession planning for key positions
- For staff, facilitate growth through education and career development
- For Board members, additional focus on orientation, education, and mentorship

Continue our disciplined, long-term approach amid multiple market uncertainties

- Long-term fund performance has met financial goals, net of all fees
- Outperformance has contributed to the state's pension security, freeing up state resources to support other programs
- Will require diligent and sustained focus due to an ever-shifting investment environment

**Onboard new Government and Public Affairs** Director

- David Schumacher started in September
- New role provides opportunities to build and enhance relationships with key stakeholders
- Requires a service mindset to maintain and improve timely, relevant, information flow



and conduct peer analysis

portfolios and across the agency

disclosures of climaterelated information

#### **IN SUMMARY**

The WSIB has many strengths yet cannot afford to be complacent in a complex world

- We always remain focused on:
  - Ensuring that we are adequately resourced to support complex investment program, asset growth, and productivity improvements
  - Delivering and sustaining value by generating exceptional long-term results
  - Building and maintaining support, including public confidence, for our mission

#### Website: http://www.sib.wa.gov

Address: 2100 Evergreen Park Drive SW P.O. Box 40916 Olympia, WA 98504-0916

Phone: (360) 956-4600





## **2025 Board Meeting Calendar Adoption**



#### 2025 Proposed Board Meeting Calendar

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**Board Meetings Observed Holidays** Legislative Session

Meeting Location: 2100 Evergreen Park DR SW Olympia, WA 98502 Contact Email: recep@leoff.wa.gov Contact Phone: 360.586.2320

#### 2025 EVENT CALENDAR

FIDUCIARY EDUCATION	STARTING	ENDING	STAKEHOLDER EVENTS	STARTING	ENDING
IFEBP ANNUAL (HONOLULU, HAWAII)	11/08/2025	11/12/2025	WACOPS WINTER (OLYMPIA, WA)	02/19/2025	02/21/2025
NCPERS ANNUAL (DENVER, CO)	05/17/2025	05/21/2025	WACOPS SPRING (EVERETT, WA)	05/22/2025	05/23/2025
NCPERS PUBLIC SAFETY	10/27/2025	10/30/2025	WACOPS FALL (WENATCHEE, WA)	09/10/2025	09/12/2025
NAPPA LEGAL ED. (DENVER, CO)	06/24/2025	06/27/2025	WSCFF ANNUAL (MARYSVILLE, WA)	06/24/2025	06/26/2025
NAPPA WINTER (CHARLOTTE, NC)	02/19/2025	02/21/2025	WSCFF EDU. (KENNEWICK, WA)	04/22/2025	04/24/2025
NASRA ANNUAL (SEATTLE, WA)	08/09/2025	08/13/2025	WSCFF KELLY L. FOX (OLYMPIA, WA)	02/04/2025	02/05/2025

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Board Meetings

**Observed Holidays** 

### **Next Steps**

Adoption of the 2025 Board Meeting Calendar



### **Thank You**



#### November 20, 2024 Part-Time Fire Fighter

#### COMPREHENSIVE REPORT

By Jacob White Senior Research & Policy Manager 360-586-2327 jacob.white@leoff.wa.gov

#### **ISSUE STATEMENT**

A LEOFF member working concurrently in a part-time fire fighter position for another LEOFF 2 employer would not be covered by LEOFF 2 death and disability benefits in their part-time position.

#### **OVERVIEW**

The Board became aware of full time LEOFF 2 fire fighters picking up additional work for other LEOFF employers in positions that do not qualify for LEOFF 2 membership. These members do not qualify for LEOFF 2 pension benefits, including death and disability benefits, when they are working in their secondary part-time position. Furthermore, these positions may not qualify for membership in PERS or BVFF either. Therefore, if these LEOFF 2 members are injured or killed in the line of duty in their parttime position they would not qualify for LEOFF 2 death and disability benefits.

#### **BACKGROUND AND POLICY ISSUES**

There is at least one LEOFF 2 employer utilizing a pool of LEOFF 2 members, who are employed full-time with another LEOFF 2 employer, to fill shifts as fire fighter EMTs. These positions are not eligible for LEOFF 2. Therefore, if the member is injured or killed in the line-of-duty in their part-time position they are not eligible for LEOFF 2 death and disability benefits. Furthermore, since these positions are not reported under PERS or the Board of Volunteer Fire fighters, they would not be eligible for those plan's benefits either.

#### Retirement Plan Eligibility

Not all fire fighters are eligible for LEOFF Plan 2. To be eligible for LEOFF Plan 2 a fire fighter must be a "full time, fully compensated [...] member of a fire department [...]"<sup>1</sup> The key part of this definition that delineates between the state pension systems is the term "full time". It is further defined by the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> RCW 41.26.030: Definitions.

Department of Retirement Systems (DRS) in rule as "normally expected to earn basic salary from an employer for a minimum of 160 hours in a calendar month."  $^2$ 

If a fire fighter position does not meet the definition of "full time" it may be eligible for the Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS). For a position to be eligible for PERS it "[...] normally requires five or more months of service a year for which regular compensation for at least seventy hours is earned by the occupant thereof."<sup>3</sup>

If a fire fighter does not meet these eligibility definitions for LEOFF Plan 2 or PERS than they may be eligible for the BVFF. The eligibility definition for fire fighters in the BVFF are "[...] any fire fighter or emergency worker who is a member of any fire department of any municipality but shall not include fire fighters who are eligible for participation in LEOFF or PERS [...]".<sup>4</sup> However, not all fire fighter positions that are ineligible for LEOFF or PERS are eligible for BVFF. Employers must opt into BVFF, and not all employers have. Furthermore, according to the Executive Director of the BVFF, to be a volunteer they should be participating in regular training and call response, and they would have been approved by the employer as a volunteer.

There are additional eligibility reasons other than those identified above that may change the pension plan eligibility of a fire fighter position. For example, the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) fire fighters are not eligible for LEOFF Plan 2 because DNR is not an eligible employer.

#### Death and Disability Benefits

If a LEOFF Plan 2 member works concurrently in a non-LEOFF eligible position they, in most situations, would not be eligible for LEOFF Plan 2 duty disability or death benefits for injuries sustained in their non-LEOFF employment. However, in certain situations LEOFF Plan 2 members are still eligible for some LEOFF Plan 2 death and duty disability benefits for injuries or death occurring in non-LEOFF employment.

In 2015 the LEOFF Plan 2 Board endorsed legislation, SB 6263 (2016)<sup>5</sup>, that provided LEOFF Plan 2 members called into eligible federal service to respond to natural disasters or other federal emergencies with similar LEOFF Plan 2 benefit protections provided to members of the National Guard or Military Reserves who are called up during a time of war.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> WAC 415-104-011:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> <u>RCW 41.40.010: Definitions. (wa.gov)</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> <u>RCW 41.24.010: Definitions. (wa.gov)</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> <u>6263.SL.pdf (wa.gov)</u>

Those benefit protections included providing:

- the survivor of a member who is killed while providing eligible federal service with service credit at no cost for the period of service up until the member's death;
- a member who is disabled while providing eligible federal service with service credit at no cost for the period of service up until the member's separation from that service;
- survivor retirement benefits which are not actuarially reduced for the survivor of a member who is killed while providing eligible federal service; and,
- duty-disability retirement benefits which are not actuarially reduced for a member who is disabled while providing eligible federal service.

#### POLICY OPTIONS

- 1. Make part-time fire fighters eligible for LEOFF 2
  - Pros Aligns fire fighters with law enforcement officers by making part-time positions eligible for LEOFF 2.
  - Cons Makes it consistent but fire fighters do not have recruiting issues that were behind LEO bill; May have unintended consequences; Reversal of historical practice.
- 2. Make part-time fire fighters eligible for LEOFF 2, if the position is filled with an active LEOFF 2 member and the position would be in LEOFF 2 if it were full-time
  - Pros LEOFF 2 members would be eligible for all LEOFF 2 benefits for their part-time work; eliminates potential confusion about eligibility of disability benefits
  - Cons May increase costs to employers who are hiring these types of positions; cost to the plan if retroactive



## **Part-Time Fire Fighter**

Comprehensive Report November 20, 2024

#### Issue

1. A LEOFF member working concurrently in a part-time fire fighter position for another LEOFF 2 employer would not be covered by LEOFF 2 death and disability benefits in their part-time position.

# **Hourly Fire Fighter EMTs**

- There is at least one LEOFF 2 employer utilizing a pool of LEOFF 2 members, who are employed full-time with another LEOFF 2 employer, to fill shifts as Firefighter EMTs
- Part-time positions are ineligible for LEOFF 2 benefits, including death and disability benefits
- Not reported in PERS or BVFF

# **Fire Fighter Eligibility**

- LEOFF Plan 2 Firefighter is [...] full time, fully compensated [...] as a member of a fire department of an employer [...]
- PERS An eligible position "[...] normally requires five or more months of service a year for which regular compensation for at least seventy hours is earned by the occupant thereof."
- Vol. FF "Firefighter includes any firefighter or emergency worker who is a member of any fire department of any municipality but shall not include firefighters who are eligible for participation in LEOFF or PERS [...]".

# **Service Credit vs LEOFF Eligibility**

- Different definition of full-time eligibility vs full month of service credit
- Full-time = normally expected to earn basic salary for a minimum of 160 hours in a calendar month
- Full month of service credit = at least 90 hours in a month

## **Current Law – Death and Disability Coverage**

- LEOFF Plan 2 member injured or killed while working in a non-LEOFF 2 position would not qualify for in-line of duty LEOFF Plan 2 benefits
- Members would be eligible for non-duty death and disability benefits in LEOFF Plan 2 and any benefits in the other pension system, if eligible

## **Exceptions**

Federal service emergency management services (2016 LEOFF Plan 2 endorsed legislation)

- Working for a LEOFF employer: May qualify for a disability benefit if they leave the employment of their LEOFF employer to provide a disaster response and become disabled. Member's benefit won't be reduced if they retire early
- Working in eligible federal service: May qualify for service credit for a leave of absence if they become disabled after they leave the employment of their LEOFF employer to provide a disaster response

#### Data

- No data source for identifying how many positions like this exist
- Positions are not reported to DRS or the BVFF because they are ineligible for those plans

# Policy Option 1

Make part-time Fire Fighters eligible for LEOFF 2

- Pros Aligns FF with LEO in LEOFF 2
- Cons May have unintended consequences, beyond resolving this issue

# Policy Option 2

Make part-time fire fighter employment eligible for LEOFF 2, if the position is filled with a LEOFF 2 member and the position would otherwise be eligible for LEOFF 2 if it were full-time

- Pros LEOFF 2 members would be eligible for all LEOFF 2 benefits for their parttime work; prevents members from not qualifying for benefits because employer believes disabling condition occurred at part-time position
- Cons Increases costs to employers, may result in employers not offering these part-time positions to LEOFF 2 members anymore

#### **Board Action**

- 1. Motion for Final Briefing on Policy Option 1: Make part-time fire fighters eligible for LEOFF 2
- 2. Motion for Final Briefing on Policy Option 2: Make part-time fire fighter employment eligible for LEOFF 2, if the position is filled with an active LEOFF 2 member and the position would otherwise be eligible for LEOFF 2 if it were fulltime
- 3. No Action



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# Salary Setting Responsibility Next Steps

November 20, 2024

### Update

- Letter to OFM Director on consultation
- Update on Consultation

## **Budget Letter from OFM Director**

- OFM Director sent budget letter November 8, 2024
- Operating budget deficit between \$10 \$12 billion
- Governor's Budget will prioritize
  - Continuing essential programs
  - Addressing caseload increases
  - Not expanding existing programs and services

#### **Board Salary Setting - Phase 1 Initial Implementation**

- Implementation of salary setting provisions of SSB 6197
  - Adoption of market-based salary range recommendations provided by consultant

	MIN	MID	МАХ	RANGE WIDTH
Executive Director	\$145,907	\$190,287	\$248,165	70%
Deputy Director	\$116,726	\$152,229	\$198,532	70%
Senior Research and Policy Manager	\$106,538	\$138,943	\$181,204	70%

#### **Board Salary Setting – Phase 1 Initial Implementation**

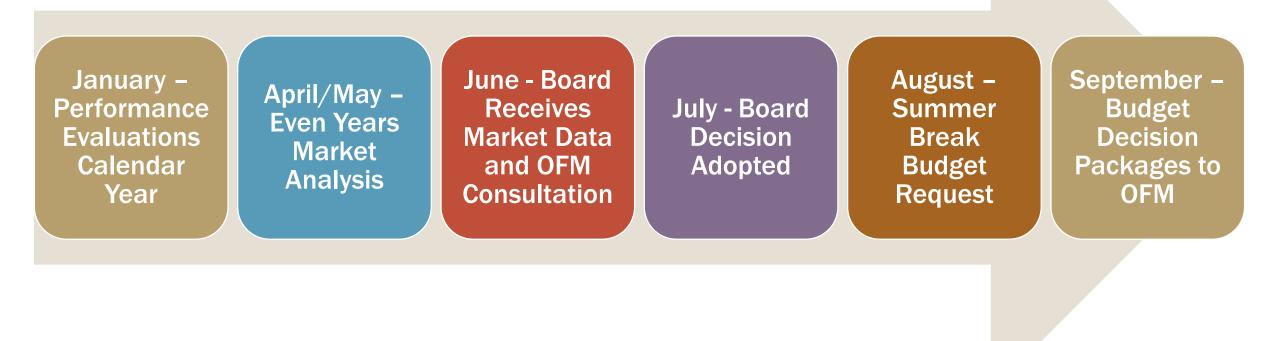
- Adoption of increases (Possible Executive Session for Performance Review)
  - Deputy Director
  - Senior Research and Policy Managers

	CURRENT PAY	MIN	MID	МАХ
Executive Director	\$178,620	\$145,907	\$190,287	\$248,165
Deputy Director	\$142,512	\$116,726	\$152,229	\$198,532
Senior Research and Policy Manager (1)	\$138,504	\$106,538	\$138,943	\$181,204
Senior Research and Policy Manager (2)	\$144,420	\$106,538	\$138,943	\$181,204

#### **Board Salary Setting – Phase 2 On-going Process**

- Consultant Recommendations/Best Practice
  - Adoption of automatic annual adjustments to the ranges
  - Adoption of market evaluation analysis every two years
- Performance evaluation consideration
- Adoption of process timeline

#### **Board Salary Setting – Phase 2 On-Going Process**



### **Possible Board Actions**

#### **1.** Adoption of consultant process recommendations

- Adoption of Salary Range/Structure
- Adoption of General Wage Increase annual adjustment methodology
- Adoption of market approach
- Adoption of timeline
- 2. Adoption of specific staff salary increases
  - Presentation of past performance evaluations in executive session if necessary



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#### Law Enforcement Officers' & Fire Fighters' Plan 2 Retirement Board Budget Report for October 2024



#### Biennium 2023 - 2025 (July 2023 - June 2025)

(July 2023 - Julie 2023)						
Expense Category	Budgeted for Biennium 2023-25	Projected Biennial Total	Projected Biennial Variance	through	Actual through October 2024	Variance through October 2024
Salary & Wages	\$1,970,024	\$1,955,915	\$14,109	\$1,299,552	\$1,285,443	\$14,109
Employee Benefits & Taxes	\$577,798	\$572,805	\$4,993	\$376,742	\$372,909	\$3,833
State Actuary Services	\$257,090	\$257,089	\$1	\$171,394	\$171,393	\$1
Rent & Utilities	\$124,176	\$122,597	\$1,579	\$82,784	\$81,205	\$1,579
State Central Services <sup>1</sup>	\$509,368	\$506,809	\$2,559	\$320,122	\$323,101	(\$2,979)
Staff & Trustee Development <sup>2</sup>	\$224,186	\$191,310	\$32,876	\$182,564	\$149,088	\$33,476
Communications & IT <sup>3</sup>	\$117,589	\$115,794	\$1,795	\$76,151	\$75,056	\$1,095
Contracts	\$71,600	\$62,607	\$8,993	\$54,600	\$31,607	\$22,993
Other Operating Expenses	\$36,169	\$31,675	\$4,494	\$33,689	\$15,970	\$17,719
Biennium 23-25 TOTALS	\$3,888,000	\$3,816,602	\$71,398	\$2,597,598	\$2,505,772	\$91,826

<sup>1</sup>State Central Services includes:

- DES - Financial Services, HR Services, Risk Management Services, & Facility Services

- WaTech - Network and Data Services, Security Services, & IT Support Services

- OFM - Enterprise Systems, State Personnel (HR) Services, & OneWa Development

- SOS - Archival Services, SAO - Audit Services, GOV - Equity Office, and ATG - Legal Services

<sup>2</sup>Includes Travel Expenses

<sup>3</sup>Includes Newsletter Printing and Mailing