

HOUSE BILL REPORT

HB 1990

As Reported By House Committee On:

Appropriations

Title: An act relating to minimum retirement benefits.

Brief Description: Providing minimum retirement benefits.

Sponsors: Representatives Robertson, Chappell and Delvin.

Brief History:

Committee Activity:

Appropriations: 2/1/96, 2/5/96 [DPS].

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Majority Report: The substitute bill be substituted therefor and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by 31 members: Representatives Huff, Chairman; Clements, Vice Chairman; Pelesky, Vice Chairman; H. Sommers, Ranking Minority Member; Valle, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Basich; Beeksma; Brumsickle; Carlson; Chappell; Cooke; Crouse; Dellwo; Dyer; Foreman; Grant; Hargrove; Hickel; Jacobsen; Kessler; Lambert; Linville; McMorris; Poulsen; Reams; Rust; Sehlin; Sheahan; Silver; Talcott and Wolfe.

Staff: Elissa Benson (786-7191).

Background: For the State Patrol Retirement System, the minimum monthly retirement benefit is \$13 per year of service for members and surviving spouses receiving social security. The minimum monthly retirement benefit for surviving spouses not receiving social security is \$23 per year of service.

Summary of Substitute Bill: A minimum monthly retirement benefit of \$500 is established for retired members with 25 years of service.

The minimum monthly benefit for surviving spouses of members that had 25 years of service cannot be less than \$500.

Substitute Bill Compared to Original Bill: The original bill did not restrict the minimum monthly benefit of \$500 to members and surviving spouses of members with 25 years of service. The original bill eliminated the qualification that surviving

spouses receiving social security income would receive a monthly minimum benefit of \$13 per year of service.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Effective Date of Substitute Bill: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

Testimony For: There are several retired Washington State Patrol (WSP) members who receive less than \$500 per month even though they worked for over 20 years for the WSP. The bill provides a minimum benefit for these people.

Testimony Against: None.

Testified: Representative Eric Robertson, prime sponsor.