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By Senators Roach, Long, Rossi, Fraser, Oke and Rasmussen; by request of Joint Committee on Pension Policy

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1 AN ACT Relating to a death benefit for certain general authority
2 police officers; and adding a new section to chapter 41.40 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 41.40 RCW
5 under the subchapter heading "Plan I" to read as follows:

6 (1) A one hundred fifty thousand dollar death benefit for general
7 authority police officers shall be paid to the member's estate, or such
8 person or persons, trust, or organization as the member has nominated
9 by written designation duly executed and filed with the department. If
10 there is no designated person or persons still living at the time of
11 the member's death, the member's death benefit shall be paid to the
12 member's surviving spouse as if in fact the spouse had been nominated
13 by written designation, or if there is no surviving spouse, then to the
14 member's legal representatives.

15 (2) Subject to subsection (3) of this section, the benefit under
16 this section shall be paid only where death occurs as a result of
17 injuries sustained in the course of employment as a general authority
18 police officer. The determination of eligibility for the benefit shall
19 be made consistent with Title 51 RCW by the department of labor and

1 industries. The department of labor and industries shall notify the
2 department of retirement systems by order under RCW 51.52.050.

3 (3) The benefit under this section shall not be paid in the event
4 the member was in the act of committing a felony when the fatal
5 injuries were suffered.

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