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**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 8418**

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**State of Washington**                      **57th Legislature 2001 First Special Session**

**By** Senators Costa, Fraser, Eide and Kohl-Welles

Read first time . Referred to Committee on .

1            WHEREAS, The LEOFF 1 retirement plan provides an automatic survivor  
2 allowance to the surviving spouse of a LEOFF 1 retiree who predeceases  
3 the surviving spouse, but provides no survivor allowance to an  
4 exspouse, even if the exspouse had been married to the LEOFF 1 member  
5 for all or most of the LEOFF 1 member's career; and

6            WHEREAS, The Joint Committee on Pension Policy reviewed the issue  
7 of survivor benefits in the LEOFF 1 retirement plan in 1999 and 2000;  
8 and considered various options for providing exspouses a means to  
9 receive a survivor benefit after a divorce from a LEOFF 1 retiree; and

10            WHEREAS, Persons who were hired into law enforcement officer  
11 positions prior to 1977 were required to pass minimum medical standards  
12 in order to become members of the LEOFF 1 retirement plan; and

13            WHEREAS, Persons who did not meet the LEOFF 1 retirement plan  
14 minimum medical standards could continue to work as law enforcement  
15 officers, but were placed in the PERS 1 retirement plan instead of the  
16 LEOFF 1 retirement plan for such service; and

17            WHEREAS, LEOFF 1 retirees are eligible for employer-paid health  
18 benefits after retirement, but PERS 1 retirees are not; and

19            WHEREAS, Members of the TRS 1 retirement plan who are employed as  
20 part-time teachers may have their TRS 1 retirement allowances

1 calculated using the salary they would have earned if they had worked  
2 on a full-time basis; and

3 WHEREAS, Members of the TRS 1 retirement plan who are employed as  
4 part-time school nurses do not have the option of having their  
5 retirement allowances calculated in the same manner as part-time  
6 teachers;

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Senate of the state of  
8 Washington, the House of Representatives concurring, That the Joint  
9 Committee on Pension Policy review and provide recommendations, and  
10 possible legislation, for the 2002 legislative session regarding the  
11 following issues:

12 (1) How to provide exspouses of LEOFF 1 members and retirees, who  
13 were married to the LEOFF 1 member for twenty or more years during the  
14 member's period of LEOFF 1 service, the ability to obtain a portion of  
15 the LEOFF 1 retirement plan allowance through the duration of the  
16 exspouse's life; and

17 (2) Whether to provide a person who has rendered service as a law  
18 enforcement officer or a fire fighter for twenty-five or more years,  
19 beginning prior to October 1977, who was made a member of the PERS 1  
20 retirement plan instead of the LEOFF 1 retirement plan due to a failure  
21 to meet the LEOFF 1 retirement plan minimum medical standards, an  
22 option to transfer from the PERS 1 retirement plan to the LEOFF 1  
23 retirement plan; and

24 (3) Whether retirement benefits for part-time school nurses who are  
25 members of the TRS 1 retirement plan should be calculated in the same  
26 manner as are the retirement benefits for part-time school teachers.

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