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By Senators Doumit, Zarelli, Schmidt and Rasmussen; by request of LEOFF Plan 2 Retirement Board

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1 AN ACT Relating to allowing department of fish and wildlife  
2 enforcement officers to transfer service credit; and adding a new  
3 section to chapter 41.26 RCW.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 41.26 RCW  
6 to read as follows:

7 (1) A member of plan 2 who was a member of the public employees'  
8 retirement system plan 2 while employed as an enforcement officer for  
9 the department of fish and wildlife has the option to make an election  
10 no later than June 30, 2011, filed in writing with the department of  
11 retirement systems, to transfer service credit previously earned as an  
12 enforcement officer in the public employees' retirement system plan 2  
13 to the law enforcement officers' and fire fighters' retirement system  
14 plan 2. Service credit that a member elects to transfer from the  
15 public employees' retirement system to the law enforcement officers'  
16 and fire fighters' retirement system under this section shall be  
17 transferred no earlier than June 30, 2011, and only after the member  
18 completes payment as provided in subsection (2) of this section.

1 (2)(a) A member who elects to transfer service credit under  
2 subsection (1) of this section shall make the payments required by this  
3 subsection prior to having service credit earned as an enforcement  
4 officer with the department of fish and wildlife under the public  
5 employees' retirement system plan 2 transferred to the law enforcement  
6 officers' and fire fighters' retirement system plan 2.

7 (b) A member who elects to transfer service credit under this  
8 subsection shall pay, for the applicable period of service, the  
9 difference between the contributions the employee paid to the public  
10 employees' retirement system plan 2 and the contributions that would  
11 have been paid by the employee had the employee been a member of the  
12 law enforcement officers' and fire fighters' retirement system plan 2,  
13 plus interest on this difference as determined by the director. This  
14 payment must be made no later than June 30, 2011, and must be made  
15 prior to retirement.

16 (c) No later than June 30, 2012, the department of fish and  
17 wildlife shall pay an amount sufficient to ensure that the contribution  
18 level to the law enforcement officers' and fire fighters' retirement  
19 system will not increase due to this transfer.

20 (d) Upon completion of the payment required in (b) of this  
21 subsection, the department shall transfer from the public employees'  
22 retirement system to the law enforcement officers' and fire fighters'  
23 retirement system plan 2: (i) All of the employee's applicable  
24 accumulated contributions plus interest and all of the applicable  
25 employer contributions plus interest; and (ii) all applicable months of  
26 service, as defined in RCW 41.26.030(14)(b), credited to the employee  
27 under this chapter for service as an enforcement officer with the  
28 department of fish and wildlife as though that service was rendered as  
29 a member of the law enforcement officers' and fire fighters' retirement  
30 system plan 2.

31 (e) Upon transfer of service credit, contributions, and interest  
32 under this subsection, the employee is permanently excluded from  
33 membership in the public employees' retirement system for all service  
34 related to time served as an enforcement officer with the department of  
35 fish and wildlife under the public employees' retirement system plan 2.

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