

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 6263

As of February 8, 2016

Title: An act relating to benefits for certain retirement system members who die or become disabled in the course of providing emergency management services.

Brief Description: Providing benefits for certain retirement system members who die or become disabled in the course of providing emergency management services.

Sponsors: Senators Warnick, Ranker, Rivers, Hobbs, Darneille, Lias and Conway; by request of LEOFF Plan 2 Retirement Board.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Ways & Means: 2/08/16.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS & MEANS

Staff: Steve Jones (786-7440)

Background: Generally, a member of a state retirement system receives a reduced death and disability benefit if the death or disability is a result of activity outside the member's public employment. This is known as a non-duty death or disability.

Members of state retirement systems who die or become disabled while serving in the military reserves or National Guard during a period of war receive an unreduced death or disability benefit, and may apply for interruptive military service credit for the period of their military service.

Summary of Bill: Members of Plan 2 of the Law Enforcement Officers and Fire Fighters Retirement System (LEOFF) receive an unreduced retirement benefit if the member dies or becomes disabled as a result of federal service in response to natural disasters or other federal emergencies, and may apply for service credit for the period of their federal service. This eligibility is retroactive to March 22, 2014.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Committee/Commission/Task Force Created: No.

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

Staff Summary of Public Testimony: PRO: This legislation has been endorsed and recommended by the LEOFF Plan 2 Board.

Persons Testifying: PRO: Steve Nelson, LEOFF Plan 2 Board.

Persons Signed In To Testify But Not Testifying: No one.