

FINAL BILL REPORT

SB 6263

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Synopsis as Enacted

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.

Senate Committee on Ways & Means
House Committee on Appropriations

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: 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.

Votes on Final Passage:

Senate	49	0
House	92	5

Effective: June 9, 2016

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