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By Senators Kohl-Welles, Bailey, Conway

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 On page 2, after line 15, insert

 (c) A deceased member’s spouse who was eligible to be provided a survivor benefit under RCW 41.26.164(1) but the member did not select a survivor benefit, and who prior to March 1, 2015, exhausted all administrative remedies with the department for establishing eligibility for a benefit under RCW 41.26.164, is eligible beginning August 1, 2015, for a retirement allowance equal to two-thirds of the gross monthly retirement allowance the retired member received at the time of death.

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|  |  EFFECT: Provides the surviving spouse of a LEOFF 1 retiree who died without selecting an actuarially reduced survivor benefit under RCW 41.26.164, a retirement allowance equal to 2/3rds of the retiree's allowance, beginning August 1, 2015. Applies only to surviving spouses who have exhausted all administrative remedies prior to March 1, 2015. |

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