

# HOUSE BILL REPORT

## HB 1990

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### As Reported By House Committee On:

Appropriations

**Title:** An act relating to minimum retirement benefits.

**Brief Description:** Providing minimum retirement benefits.

**Sponsors:** Representatives Robertson, Chappell and Delvin.

### Brief History:

#### Committee Activity:

Appropriations: 2/1/96, 2/5/96 [DPS].

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## HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

**Majority Report:** The substitute bill be substituted therefor and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by 31 members: Representatives Huff, Chairman; Clements, Vice Chairman; Pelesky, Vice Chairman; H. Sommers, Ranking Minority Member; Valle, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Basich; Beeksma; Brumsickle; Carlson; Chappell; Cooke; Crouse; Dellwo; Dyer; Foreman; Grant; Hargrove; Hickel; Jacobsen; Kessler; Lambert; Linville; McMorris; Poulsen; Reams; Rust; Sehlin; Sheahan; Silver; Talcott and Wolfe.

**Staff:** Elissa Benson (786-7191).

**Background:** For the State Patrol Retirement System, the minimum monthly retirement benefit is \$13 per year of service for members and surviving spouses receiving social security. The minimum monthly retirement benefit for surviving spouses not receiving social security is \$23 per year of service.

**Summary of Substitute Bill:** A minimum monthly retirement benefit of \$500 is established for retired members with 25 years of service.

The minimum monthly benefit for surviving spouses of members that had 25 years of service cannot be less than \$500.

**Substitute Bill Compared to Original Bill:** The original bill did not restrict the minimum monthly benefit of \$500 to members and surviving spouses of members with 25 years of service. The original bill eliminated the qualification that surviving

spouses receiving social security income would receive a monthly minimum benefit of \$13 per year of service.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Available.

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

**Testimony For:** There are several retired Washington State Patrol (WSP) members who receive less than \$500 per month even though they worked for over 20 years for the WSP. The bill provides a minimum benefit for these people.

**Testimony Against:** None.

**Testified:** Representative Eric Robertson, prime sponsor.