

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 6602

As Passed Senate, February 10, 2000

Title: An act relating to disability board membership.

Brief Description: Revising membership of certain LEOFF disability boards.

Sponsors: Senators Loveland and Patterson.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Ways & Means: 1/31/2000, 2/1/2000 [DP].
Passed Senate, 2/10/2000, 47-0.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS & MEANS

Majority Report: Do pass.

Signed by Senators Loveland, Chair; Bauer, Vice Chair; Fairley, Fraser, Honeyford, Kline, Kohl-Welles, Long, McDonald, Rasmussen, Rossi, B. Sheldon, Snyder, Spanel, Thibaudeau, West, Winsley, Wojahn and Zarelli.

Staff: Pete Cutler (786-7454)

Background: The statutes creating the Law Enforcement Officers and Fire Fighters retirement system, Plan 1 (LEOFF 1) provide for the creation of city and county disability boards. These boards rule on claims for disability retirement for LEOFF 1 members, designate which medical services are available to LEOFF 1 retirees, and may require a LEOFF 1 retiree who seeks payment for medical services to submit to a medical exam.

Each county has a disability board which has five members. The board has jurisdiction over LEOFF 1 members who are not employed by a city that has its own disability board. Under current law one of the members of the county board must be a member of a city or town legislative body located within the county which does not have its own board. This member must be chosen by a majority of the mayors of such cities or towns.

Summary of Bill: In counties with a population of less than 60,000, the member of a county LEOFF 1 disability board who is appointed by the mayors of the cities and towns that do not have their own disability boards must be a resident of one of those cities or towns, but need not be a member of a city or town legislative body.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Requested on January 24, 2000.

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

Testimony For: None.

Testimony Against: None.

Testified: Cody Arledge, WSCFF (pro).