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SENATE BILL 6460

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By Senators Fraser, Snyder, Kline, McAuliffe, Kohl-Welles, Haugen, Deccio, Franklin, Rasmussen, Winsley and Bauer

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1 AN ACT Relating to enrollment in the uniform medical plan by  
2 retired, disabled, or separated public employees; and amending RCW  
3 41.05.080.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 41.05.080 and 1996 c 39 s 22 are each amended to read  
6 as follows:

7 (1) Under the qualifications, terms, conditions, and benefits set  
8 by the board:

9 (a) Retired or disabled state employees, retired or disabled school  
10 employees, or employees of county, municipal, or other political  
11 subdivisions covered by this chapter who are retired may continue their  
12 participation in insurance plans and contracts after retirement or  
13 disablement;

14 (b) Separated employees may continue their participation in  
15 insurance plans and contracts if participation is selected immediately  
16 upon separation from employment.

17 (2) Rates charged retired or disabled employees, separated  
18 employees, spouses, or dependent children who are not eligible for

1 parts A and B of medicare shall be based on the experience of the  
2 community rated risk pool established under RCW 41.05.022.

3 (3) Rates charged to retired or disabled employees, separated  
4 employees, spouses, or children who are eligible for parts A and B of  
5 medicare shall be calculated from a separate experience risk pool  
6 comprised only of individuals eligible for parts A and B of medicare;  
7 however, the premiums charged to medicare-eligible retirees and  
8 disabled employees shall be reduced by the amount of the subsidy  
9 provided under RCW 41.05.085.

10 (4) Retired or disabled and separated employees shall be  
11 responsible for payment of premium rates developed by the authority  
12 which shall include the cost to the authority of providing insurance  
13 coverage including any amounts necessary for reserves and  
14 administration in accordance with this chapter. These self pay rates  
15 will be established based on a separate rate for the employee, the  
16 spouse, and the children.

17 (5) Unless he or she requests otherwise in writing, a retired,  
18 disabled, or separated employee shall automatically be enrolled in the  
19 uniform medical plan if the health plan in which he or she is otherwise  
20 enrolled pursuant to this section ceases to be available.

21 (6) The term "retired state employees" for the purpose of this  
22 section shall include but not be limited to members of the legislature  
23 whether voluntarily or involuntarily leaving state office.

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