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Sponsor(s): Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Shin, Rasmussen, Jacobsen, Winsley, Kohl-Welles and McAuliffe; by request of Governor Locke and Superintendent of Public Instruction)

Brief Description: Changing the limits on postretirement employment for teachers' retirement system plan 1 and public employees' retirement system plan 1 retirees. (REVISED FOR ENGROSSED: Changing postretirement employment restrictions for teachers' retirement system, public employees' retirement system, and school employees' retirement system retirees.)

SB 5937-S.E - DIGEST

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Revises the limits on postretirement employment for teachers' retirement system plan 1 and public employees' retirement system plan 1 retirees.

Requires the department of retirement systems, the office of the superintendent of public instruction, the department of personnel, and the health care authority to jointly develop publications for use during the 2001-03 biennium to explain options for, and implications of, postretirement employment for members and retirees of the teachers' retirement system plan 1 and the public employees' retirement system plan 1.

Requires the office of the state actuary to review the actuarial impact of the temporary expansion of the postretirement employment limitations provided by this act. No later than July 1, 2003, the state actuary shall prepare a report for the joint committee on pension policy regarding the fiscal and policy impacts of this act.

Directs the office of the state actuary to review the actuarial impact of the temporary expansion of the postretirement employment limitations provided by this act. No later than July 1, 2003, the state actuary shall prepare a report for the joint committee on pension policy regarding the fiscal and policy impacts of this act.

Requires the joint committee to solicit information from the superintendent of public instruction, the department of personnel, the office of financial management, the department of retirement systems, and the health care authority regarding the program impacts of this act and shall report to the legislative fiscal committees no later than October 1, 2003, on any proposed changes or improvements to this act.

VETO MESSAGE ON ESSB 5937

June 26, 2001

To the Honorable President and Members,
The Senate of the State of Washington
Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am returning herewith, without my approval as to sections 5

and 6, Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill No. 5937 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to postretirement employment for teachers' retirement system, public employees' retirement system, and school employees' retirement system retirees;"

This bill addresses worker retention problems in public employment by expanding post-retirement employment opportunities for Plan 1 members of the teachers' and public employees' retirement systems.

The state is facing a critical shortage of experienced teachers and other employees with skills that are in high demand. To meet this shortage, we need to attract retirees back to work. ESSB 5937 will help us in this task by creating a program for post-retirement employment. To improve the effectiveness of this program and ensure a steady supply of people with valuable expertise in our schools and state and local agencies, I have vetoed sections 5 and 6, which would have terminated the program in 2004. This sunset date would have been premature and would not have allowed sufficient time for the program to develop.

The bill contains provisions for a study of the program, and a means to recover any resulting costs from employers. These provisions provide adequate safeguards for the program and make sections 5 and 6 unnecessary.

For these reasons, I have vetoed sections 5 and 6 of Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill No. 5937.

With the exception of sections 5 and 6, Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 5937 is approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Gary Locke
Governor