

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2688

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President of the Senate

Approved

Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

I, Richard Nafziger, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2688** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

Chief Clerk

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**Secretary of State
State of Washington**

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AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

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By House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Fromhold, Conway, Lovick, Kenney, Quall, Simpson, Ormsby, Moeller and Ericks; by request of Select Committee on Pension Policy)

READ FIRST TIME 01/31/06.

1 AN ACT Relating to the law enforcement officers' and fire fighters'
2 retirement system plan 1; amending RCW 41.26.100; creating a new
3 section; providing an effective date; and providing an expiration date.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 41.26.100 and 1991 c 343 s 16 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 A member upon retirement for service shall receive a monthly
8 retirement allowance computed according to his or her completed
9 creditable service credit years of service as follows: Five years but
10 under ten years, one-twelfth of one percent of his or her final average
11 salary for each month of service; ten years but under twenty years,
12 one-twelfth of one and one-half percent of his or her final average
13 salary for each month of service; and twenty years and over one-twelfth
14 of two percent of his or her final average salary for each month of
15 service: PROVIDED, That the recipient of a retirement allowance who
16 shall return to service as a law enforcement officer or fire fighter
17 shall be considered to have terminated his or her retirement status and
18 he or she shall immediately become a member of the retirement system
19 with the status of membership he or she had as of the date of

1 retirement. Retirement benefits shall be suspended during the period
2 of his or her return to service and he or she shall make contributions
3 and receive service credit. Such a member shall have the right to
4 again retire at any time and his or her retirement allowance shall be
5 recomputed, and paid, based upon additional service rendered and any
6 change in final average salary(~~(: PROVIDED FURTHER, That no retirement~~
7 ~~allowance paid pursuant to this section shall exceed sixty percent of~~
8 ~~final average salary, except as such allowance may be increased by~~
9 ~~virtue of RCW 41.26.240, as now or hereafter amended)).~~

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) The governor shall establish a joint
11 executive task force on funding postretirement medical benefits for
12 members of plan 1 of the law enforcement officers' and fire fighters'
13 retirement system. The joint task force shall consist of seven
14 members: The director of the department of retirement systems; the
15 administrator of the health care authority; the state actuary; one
16 representative of Washington cities, appointed by the governor; one
17 representative of Washington counties, appointed by the governor; one
18 active member of plan 1 of the law enforcement officers' and fire
19 fighters' retirement system, appointed by the governor; and one retired
20 member of plan 1 of the law enforcement officers' and fire fighters'
21 retirement system, appointed by the governor.

22 (2) The joint task force shall elect one of its members to serve as
23 chair of the joint task force.

24 (3) Joint task force members may be reimbursed for travel expenses
25 as authorized under RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

26 (4) It is the intent of the legislature to create a funding vehicle
27 to assist employers in providing postretirement medical benefits for
28 members of plan 1 of the law enforcement officers' and fire fighters'
29 retirement system. To that end, the joint task force is charged with
30 reviewing private and public funding vehicles that would accept
31 voluntary tax-advantaged employer contributions and permissible
32 transfers of excess pension assets. The task force shall select one or
33 more appropriate funding vehicles and coordinate with all necessary
34 parties to achieve implementation. To the extent that further
35 legislative authority is required for the implementation, the task
36 force shall make its recommendations for proposed legislation to the
37 appropriate committees of the legislature by no later than September 1,

1 2006. The task force shall submit its final report to the governor and
2 appropriate committees of the legislature by no later than December 1,
3 2006.

4 (5) The joint task force will evaluate the June 30, 2000,
5 suspension of employer and member contributions in the law enforcement
6 officers' and fire fighters' retirement system plan 1. The joint task
7 force shall make its recommendations regarding employer and member
8 contributions utilizing the most recent valuation study for the plan.

9 (6) This section expires December 1, 2006.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** Section 1 of this act takes effect July 1,
11 2006.

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