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**SB 45** 

Establish a program where the cost savings below contribute to the cost of the program. The program should be a "pay as you go program." This allows the purchase at the lowest cost taking into account age.

Compare this program to the long term care insurance provided to veterans. Tri-care does not provide long term care insurance for the veteran.

Use the talents of the state employees to find ways to reduce PERS deficiencies and long term care insurance.

Instead of using a sales tax to pay the PERS trust fund deficiencies, have state employees eliminate government waste, apply the saving to support PERS. And other public employee benefits. Quote for an administrator veteran affairs "there is a big deficit"

Government employees know where waste and efficiencies exist.

Develop a program where managers collect information identifying where wastes exists or has been eliminated.

This report would be used to establish a value to the savings which would be added to the PERS trust fund and support public employees benefits.

- 1. State employees are the benefactor of the savings.
- 2. Reduces pressure for new sources of revenue.
- 3. Savings would be passed down to local government and businesses who provide services to the state.

The elimination of waste would build management and employee pride, and develop an image that the state employees are participating in finding a solution. SEIU would improve their image with the public.

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