

Honorable Members of the Senate Committee On Workforce

Ref: My support of SB 934

It is my understanding that SB 934 will come before your Committee on March 28th and I would have really liked to appear before you in person, however I am in Spokane, this week, visiting my first grandchild.

I guess I am not aware of the downsides to this bill as it would allow agencies to hire back PERS retirees for far less than they pay fully benefited employees. It does not require them to hire them, thus allowing agencies to pick and choose the people that would most benefit their respective agencies.

I get the sense that some Legislators just do not want to support anything that might remotely benefit anyone who is part of the PERS system. I find this somewhat distressing. I have worked for the Douglas County Sheriff's Office, as their Emergency Manager, for over 40 years now. I am definitely not rich, the County has paid OK but they are not in the top of the comparables for pay. Don't get me wrong I feel very blessed that I have job and have been able to provide for my family. I am nearing the end of my career and am very worried, due to all the PERS reform bills, that the PERS system is not going to be able to provide me the retirement I once hoped. I would like to be able to work after retirement and SB 934 would allow me to. That is, if I am a valued employee.

As mentioned I see no downside to this bill. It would allow public safety agencies to hire back the most qualified people to supplement the needs of their agencies. I ask you to please take a serious look at this proposed legislation and move it forward with a recommendation to pass.

Sincerely,

Wayne Stinson

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