



2018-2020 RPEC LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

TOP TIER PRIORITIES

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 3. Supporting only those modifications to retirement plans that do not threaten the financial integrity of the retirement system
 4. Continuing efforts to strengthen the role of active and retired DRS members in DRS governance
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STATE PRIORITIES

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- Advocate for retirement security, particularly defined benefit-style pensions for all Washingtonians

Health Care

- Ensure affordable PEBB Medicare benefit by increasing the state's contribution to 50% of premium, push PEBB to contain cost increases to participants, and retain federal matching funds
- Maintain retiree health insurance options through PEBB at affordable costs and adequate level of benefit for those who have access

- Support the creation of a public option on the state health insurance exchange to create competitive and affordable rates
- Access to affordable health care for all retired public employees
- Support and monitor the Office of the Insurance Commissioner in their regulation of Medicare supplement policies and rates to ensure quality plans are as affordable as possible
- Work to improve benefits and maintain and expand access to Dental and Hearing coverage

Contracting Out/Privatization

- Oppose efforts to privatize or contract out public services

FEDERAL PRIORITIES

Social Security and Medicare

- Continue fight to protect Social Security from privatization
- Protect and Expand Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid
- Work to pass legislation that eliminates the contribution cap to Social Security (\$127,200 in 2017) and adopts the CPI-E to calculate the cost-of-living adjustments
- Support the full implementation of the Older Americans Act
- Pursue affordable long-term care options for retirees
- Fight for the elimination of the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) and the Government Pension Offset (GPO) which unfairly diminishes the Social Security benefit of some public employees

RPEC ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

- Continue to encourage RPEC member-volunteers to advance RPEC's legislative agenda and support lobbying activities year around