To: *Members of the 2026 Work Group on Duty Disability and the Public Safety Officer's Benefit Account*

From: *Aleena Wilson, Analyst, and Susan Lenczewski, Executive Director*

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Subject: *Information needed and progress by LCPR staff to obtain it*

In order to assist the Work Group in obtaining the information needed to formulate recommendations on changing duty disability for members of the PERA Police and Fire Plan and the Public Safety Officer's Benefit Account, LCPR staff compiled this list of topics and the steps taken to date to obtain information on each.

Please review this memo and email Co-Chairs Representative Terry Stier and Shane Myre with any additional topics on which information is needed and, if you have any, possible sources (individuals or organizations) for the information. Email addresses are provided at the end of this memo. Please copy LCPR staff, also listed at the end of this memo, on your email to the co-chairs.

Additionally, if you have specific questions on any of these topics, please email LCPR Analyst Aleena Wilson, who will forward the question on to the source for response as part of a presentation or write-up.

- Breakdown of types of disability claims under the PERA P&F Plan
  - Heard at the meeting on July 9.
- Overview of workers compensation and the 2025 report, "Evaluating PTSD claims in Minnesota's workers' compensation system: Findings and recommendations"
  - Heard at the meeting on July 9.
- Veterans Affairs disability schedule
  - Susan Lenczewski contacted Ron Quade and Ben Johnson with the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs on June 22 about presenting to the Work Group. They are scheduled to present to the Work Group on July 23.
- Overview of SEGIP and PEIP, generally, and health insurance coverage and funding of coverage for retirees and duty disabled members of the State Patrol Plan
  - Galen Benshoof with Minnesota Management and Budget is scheduled present to the Work Group on July 23.
  - Representatives of LMC and the county associations on their experience with PEIP.

- Overview of the Health Care Savings Plan (HCSP) administered by the Minnesota State Retirement System (MSRS)
    - Erin Leonard, the executive director of MSRS, is scheduled to present to the Work Group on July 23.
    - Representatives of LMC, the county associations, and the unions on how bargaining works for benefits in the HCSP.
- Breakdown of types of disability claims under the MSRS State Patrol Plan
    - Erin Leonard, the executive director of MSRS, is scheduled to present to the Work Group on July 23.
- Detail and breakdown on the numbers and dollars in the Public Safety Officer's Benefit Program Annual Report
    - Aleena Wilson contacted Bob Roche with the Department of Public Safety on June 16 about presenting at the first meeting if the Work Group and Bob requested to present at the following meeting. Aleena followed up on June 29 about presenting to the Work Group on July 9. Bob responded on July 8 and stated that he is checking when the additional information will be available.
- Disability determinations and process for assessing severity of physical or psychological disability
    - Aleena Wilson contacted PERA on June 22 about identifying a doctor who has experience with disability determinations that could speak to the Work Group. PERA contacted the Managed Medical Review Organization (MMRO) about presenting to the Work Group. MMRO can present to the Work Group in mid to late August.
- Disability under the Colorado Statewide Death & Disability Plan
    - Aleena Wilson contacted the Fire & Police Pension Association (FPPA) of Colorado. Aleena met with Chip Weule, the FPPA Chief Benefits Officer, and Patti Seno, the Senior Benefits Administrator, on July 6. They are scheduled to present to the Work Group on August 13.
- What other states are doing to provide disability pensions and benefits and health insurance coverage for disabled and retired public safety employees
    - Aleena Wilson contacted NCSL and NASRA on June 26 and requested this information.
    - NASRA is scheduled to present the research it has to the Work Group on August 20.

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