# RETIRING FROM DEPT. OF RETIREMENT SYSTEMS (DRS)



# **INCLUDED IN THIS PRESENTATION**

- > PERS 1, 2, or 3
  - (Public Employees Retirement System)
- > TRS 1 or 3
  - (Teachers Retirement System)
- > LEOFF 2
  - (Law Enforcement Officers' and Fire Fighters' Retirement Plan)



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- > Introduction to the DRS
- > Retirement eligibility rules
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## **KEY TERMS DEFINED**

- > Termination Date
  - Last day you are on UW payroll.
- > Retirement Date
  - The first of the month following your Termination Date.
- > DRS Retiree
  - Employees who submit the DRS Retirement Application to start their DRS pension.
- > UW Retiree
  - Employees who elect DRS retirement the month following UW Termination
     Date <u>and</u> submit the UW Retirement Application no later than 60 days after
     UW termination date are eligible for the UW retiree privileges.



# **DEPARTMENT OF RETIREMENT SYSTEM (DRS)**

- > Who are they?
  - DRS is a state agency in Olympia that is responsible for state employee retirement benefits
- > What do they do?
  - Confirm retirement eligibility, calculate pension benefits, & distribute monthly pension upon retirement
  - Monitor "Return to Work" retiree hours
- > What else do I need to know about the DRS?
  - They are your source for answering any of your pension questions

# **STEPS TO RETIREMENT**

- > DRS Pension Estimator tool is available online
- > Contact the DRS to get your pension estimate and retirement packet.
  - **1-800-547-6657**
  - www.drs.wa.gov
- > DRS Nearing Retirement Resources:
  - https://www.drs.wa.gov/retirement-planning/nearingretirement/
  - Option to contact DRS to schedule an appointment with an interpreter



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# THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING!

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