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# Legislative Matters

- **Select Committee on Pension Policy: Approved a 3%, One-time, Plan 1 COLA capped at \$44,000— we will seek to raise the COLA % during the session**
- **Other priorities: Retire/Rehire loosening; Plan 2/PEBB timing fix; Maintain \$183/month Medicare subsidy**
- **Weekly Podcasts begin 1/7/22; Session: January 10 to March 10**

# Long Term Care Act

- Required .58% per employee payroll tax put on hold
- Governor Inslee and Democratic Party leader will seek a LTCA “tweak”—mainly to correct qualification timelines/scope of coverage
- Republicans seek to kill LTCA

# 2022 Convention

- **June 6-8, 2022 in Grand Mound at the Great Wolf Lodge (Rochester)**
- **June, 2023 Pasco Red Lion**
- **June, 2024 Wenatchee Convention Center**
- **June, 2025 Yakima Convention Center**

# Membership

- We're down 500 from this time last year due to COVID
- A few groups have started indoor meetings (in large facilities) but the majority are staying with Zoom at least until Omicron fades away
- AMBA is helping, but we need to get back to faculty meetings for face-to-face contact with active teachers/classifieds

# Scholarships

- **New for use in 2022-23:**
- **Two \$2,000 Prescott Teacher Intern Scholarships per WSSRA district (applications due 4/1)**
- **One additional \$1,500 scholarship per district for a high school senior interested in education career (applications due 3/1)**