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Hi Ms. Forlizzi and associates.

I'm writing in to express my support for the following rule changes shared with me.

The State Personnel Office has filed a Notice of Rulemaking. There are three proposed changes:

240 hours Annual Leave

- The first proposed change allows classified State employees an additional 6 months, until July 9, 2021, to use any accrued annual leave above 240 hours.
This change is being proposed because many employees have not been able to use their accrued leave hours due to the COVID-19 public health emergency. The proposed change specifically states that employees may not donate this extra accrued leave or get paid out for it if they leave State government, etc. This is for employees to use.

Donation of Leave Between Classified and Exempt Employees for a Medical Emergency

- The second proposed change clarifies that classified State employees may donate annual leave and/or sick leave to other classified employees in the same agency for a medical emergency. It also permits classified State employees to make and receive donations of annual leave to and from employees in the exempt service within the same agency for a medical emergency as long as permitted by the Department of Finance and Administration's policies for Governor Exempt Employees.

Personal Leave Days

- The third proposed change provides two personal leave days to classified State employees who have passed their probationary period, instead of one.

Thank you so much for what you do and your consideration.

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