

**Actuarial Valuation of  
The Duty Disability Insurance Program**  
As of December 31, 2021

**For The State of Wisconsin  
Department of Employee Trust Funds**

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**RE: Actuarial Valuation of Duty Disability Program as of December 31, 2021**

Dear Cindy:

This report contains the results of an actuarial valuation of the Duty Disability insurance program as of December 31, 2021. The results include estimated claim liabilities as of December 31, 2021, and financial projections of Duty Disability fund balances under several different scenarios. This report also provides documentation of the valuation methods and assumptions we used for performing the analysis.

The State of Wisconsin Department of Employee Trust Funds (ETF) and its auditors have determined that the Duty Disability insurance program is not subject to the provisions of GASB 74, which govern the financial reporting of Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEBs), and which require the use of pension accounting methods, including the calculation of a liability for active lives. We have therefore performed this valuation according to the requirements of GASB 10 (“Accounting and Reporting for Risk Financing and Related Insurance Issues”), which do not require the calculation of a liability for active lives. This approach is consistent with last year’s valuation of the Duty Disability insurance program. Ultimately it is the responsibility of ETF and its auditors to determine the applicable accounting standards for the plans.

The valuation results discussed in this report include estimated liabilities for Duty Disability claims that were open as of December 31, 2021, and for claims incurred but not reported as of December 31, 2021. These liabilities represent the present value of expected future benefit payments and expected costs for adjudicating claims. Because GASB 10 does not require the calculation of a liability for active lives, we have not included an estimate of future claim liabilities for active members.

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In preparing this report, we relied, without audit, on information (some oral and some in writing) supplied by ETF, including historical claim data, reserve statements, and active member data. While Milliman has not audited this data, we have reviewed it for reasonableness and it is, in our opinion, sufficient and reliable for the purposes of our calculations. If any of this information as summarized in this report is inaccurate or incomplete, the results shown could be materially affected and this report may need to be revised.

The discount rate used for this valuation was prescribed by ETF and is specified in this report. We have performed no independent assessment of the reasonableness of this assumption. ETF is solely responsible for establishing the assumption and communicating any changes to Milliman for the purpose of this valuation.

This analysis is only an estimate of the Plan's financial condition as of a single date. It can neither predict the Plan's future condition nor guarantee future financial soundness. Actuarial valuations do not affect the ultimate cost of Plan benefits, only the timing of employer contributions. While this report is based on the assumptions documented here, other assumption sets may also be reasonable and valuation results based on those assumptions would be different. No one set of assumptions is uniquely correct. Determining results using alternative assumptions is outside the scope of our engagement.

Future actuarial measurements may differ significantly from the current measurements presented in this report due to such factors as the following: plan experience differing from that anticipated by the economic or demographic assumptions; changes in economic or demographic assumptions; and changes in plan provisions or applicable law. Due to the limited scope of our assignment, we did not perform an analysis of the potential range of

future measurements. ETF has the final decision regarding the appropriateness of the assumptions and actuarial cost methods.

The consultants who worked on this assignment are actuaries. Milliman's advice is not intended to be a substitute for qualified legal or accounting counsel.

On the basis of the foregoing, we hereby certify that, to the best of our knowledge and belief, this report is complete and accurate and has been prepared in accordance with generally recognized and accepted actuarial principles and practices.

I, Paul L. Correia, FSA, MAAA, am a consulting actuary for Milliman, Inc. I am a member of the American Academy of Actuaries and meet the Qualification Standards of the American Academy of Actuaries to render the actuarial opinion contained herein.

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Sincerely,



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## **Section I: Introduction and Executive Summary**

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The estimated liabilities for the Duty Disability insurance program as of December 31, 2021 are summarized in Table 1.1 below:

Table 1.1 Estimated Liabilities for the Duty Disability Program As of December 31, 2021	
Liability Component	Estimated Liability
Open Claims	\$459,788,617
Future Survivors	\$26,056,203
IBNR Claims	\$27,607,638
Loss Adjustment Expenses	\$10,307,749
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$523,760,207</b>

The liability for open claims includes estimated liabilities for 963 disabled members and 58 survivors (i.e., surviving family members including spouses, domestic partners, and dependent children) who were receiving benefits on December 31, 2021. The liability for future survivors represents the present value of expected future benefit payments to survivors of currently disabled members. The liability for IBNR claims represents the present value of expected future benefit payments to members and survivors whose claims were incurred but were unreported as of December 31, 2021, as well as any claims that were reported as of December 31, 2021 but had not yet been approved for payment. The liability for loss adjustment expenses is the present value of expected costs arising from the ongoing management and payment of Duty Disability claims. The estimated liabilities and valuation methods are discussed in detail in Section II of this report.

We analyzed the funding status of the Duty Disability program as of December 31, 2021 based on a starting smoothed fund balance equal to \$693 million at the beginning of the year. The ending surplus in the Duty Disability fund was equal to 42% of estimated liabilities as of December 31, 2021, which is higher than the target surplus range of 25% to 35% approved by the Board in 2019, as shown in Table 1.2 below.

Table 1.2: Duty Disability Funding Analysis	
Balance Sheet Item	2021
Beginning of Year Balance	\$693,237,197
Plus: Investment Income (Smoothed)	\$84,590,183
Plus: Premium Contributions and Miscellaneous Income	\$4,036,165
Less: Insurance Claims	\$36,364,150
Less: Administrative Expenses	\$938,438
End of Year Balance	\$744,560,957
Estimated Liability as of December 31, 2021	\$523,760,207
Surplus (\$)	\$220,800,750
Surplus (% of Estimated Liability)	42%

We have projected future financial experience and expected fund levels from 2022 through 2030 based on the current contribution rates. According to this projection, the funding ratio is expected to increase gradually during the projection period. We also developed financial projections corresponding to other contribution rate scenarios. The projections are provided in Section III of this report.

## Section II: Actuarial Valuation

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The estimated liabilities for the Duty Disability program as of December 31, 2021 consist of the following components:

- Open Claims: The liability for open claims represents the present value of expected future benefit payments to disabled members and survivors approved for Duty Disability benefits on December 31, 2021. There were 963 disabled members and 58 survivors reported in the claim data as of December 31, 2021.
- Future Survivors: Monthly death benefits are payable to surviving spouses/domestic partners and children if the disabled member dies as a result of the same injury or disease for which Duty Disability benefits were payable. The liability for future survivors represents the present value of expected future benefit payments to survivors of currently disabled members.
- Incurred But Not Reported (IBNR) Claims: The liability for IBNR claims represents the present value of expected future benefit payments to members and survivors whose claims were incurred but had not been reported as of December 31, 2021, as well as claims that had been reported as of December 31, 2021 but had not yet been approved for payment.
- Loss Adjustment Expenses: The liability for loss adjustment expenses represents the present value of expected future expenses related to the ongoing management and payment of Duty Disability claims.

A comparison of the estimated liabilities for the Duty Disability program between December 31, 2020 and December 31, 2021 is provided below in Table 2.1.

Table 2.1: Comparison of Estimated Liabilities December 31, 2020 vs. December 31, 2021		
Liability Component	December 31, 2020	December 31, 2021
Open Claims	\$413,524,714	\$459,788,617
Future Survivors	\$21,037,538	\$26,056,203
IBNR Claims	\$23,966,544	\$27,607,638
Loss Adjustment Expense	\$9,191,378	\$10,307,749
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$467,720,173</b>	<b>\$523,760,207</b>

### Open Claims

The estimated liability for open claims increased by approximately 11.1% from \$414 million as of December 31, 2020 to \$460 million as of December 31, 2021. The number of open claims decreased from 1,026 open claims on December 31, 2020 to 1,021 open claims on December 31, 2021, and the average monthly benefit amount decreased by 0.6% from

\$2,933 as of December 31, 2020 to \$2,914 as of December 31, 2021. Despite these changes in inventory, there were two key changes to the open claim liability calculation as of December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021 compared to the December 31<sup>st</sup> 2020 valuation. First, a 6.8% discount rate was used to compute the liability for open claims as of December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021, compared to 7.0% used as of December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020. This discount rate was prescribed by ETF and we have performed no independent assessment of the reasonableness of this assumption. Second, we adjusted the timing of cost of living adjustment (COLA) benefits in our projection of future benefits, by reflecting an adjustment beginning on January 1, 2022. In prior years, we did not adjust the benefits on day one, and we applied the first adjustment 12 months after the valuation date. This year we adjusted the benefit amounts on day one based on the applicable index for 2022 (5.1% or 2.8% depending on claim category). Subsequent adjustments are applied in 12-month increments.

To demonstrate the impact of these changes we have performed a waterfall analysis that shows how the estimated liabilities changed based on the change in inventory between December 31, 2020 and December 31, 2021, and on the changes in valuation methods. Each row in the table below reflects the same assumptions as the preceding row except with the change described in the first column.

Table 2.2: Waterfall Analysis Open Claims		
Changes to Assumptions in above row:	Liability	Change from above row
Liability as of 12/31/2020	\$413,524,714	NA
Liability as of 12/31/2021 – same assumptions as above	\$409,296,922	-1.0%
Liability as of 12/31/2021 at 6.8% Interest	\$417,866,655	2.1%
Liability as of 12/31/2021 with updated COLA	\$459,788,617	10.0%

The waterfall analysis shows that under the same assumptions used as of December 31, 2020, the liability would have decreased; however, the change in the interest rate assumption moved the liabilities upwards by 2.1% and the change to the COLA method moved those liabilities up another 10.0%. The COLA adjustment was applied to the gross benefit which has a leveraging effect on net benefit amounts. The average net benefit increased by approximately 7.5% based on these changes (as of 1/1/2022).

The liability for open claims was calculated using the same claim termination rate assumptions as last year, based on the mortality rates specified in the *2015 - 2017 Wisconsin Retirement System Three-Year Experience Study* report. These rates are adjusted to reflect Duty Disability claim trends. The claim termination rates are provided in Appendix B. The estimated offset assumptions are also the same as last year and are based on results from an experience study performed by Milliman in 2020. The estimated offset assumptions are provided in Appendix B.

We tested these assumptions, excluding offsets and COLA adjustments, by performing retrospective runoff studies using Duty Disability claim experience from 2017 through 2021. The runoff studies involved calculating liabilities at prior valuation dates using current

valuation assumptions, and determining whether the liabilities provided sufficient funding for the emerging cost of claims. The results are shown below in Table 2.3 (disabled members) and Table 2.4 (survivors). A positive margin indicates the liability was adequate to cover the runout of open Duty Disability claims during the study period, while a negative margin indicates a deficiency. Note that the results shown below correspond to mutually distinct 12-month runoff studies. An average annual margin is provided in the last row of the table representing the average annual margin over the five-year experience period.

**Table 2.3: Runoff Study for Disabled Members  
Annual Margin as % of Initial Liability**

Experience Period	Annual Margin
2017	1.06%
2018	0.48%
2019	0.99%
2020	0.96%
2021	1.15%
Average	0.93%

We typically target an overall average annual margin of 1% to 5% for this type of program. Although the results from the runoff studies show modest positive margins, some of which are less than our target 1% to 5% range, we do not believe that the small positive margins pose a significant concern at this time due to the consistency of experience over time. We will continue to monitor Duty Disability experience along with the valuation assumptions to ensure that the liability estimates are adequate.

We also performed liability runoff studies to test the claim termination assumptions for survivors, because those assumptions are different than the assumptions for disabled members. The runoff studies used historical experience from 2017 through 2021. The results, shown below, correspond to mutually distinct 12-month runoff studies. The total average margin in the last row represents the average annual margin over the five-year experience period.

**Table 2.4: Runout Study for Survivors  
Annual Margin as % of Initial Liability**

Experience Period	Average Annual Margin
2017	2.44%
2018	0.21%
2019	0.31%
2020	-1.21%
2021	1.67%
Total	0.69%

Although the total margin of 0.69% is slightly below our target margin range, there is a positive margin overall. This survivor study has much fewer claimants than the disabled

member study and therefore there may be a greater degree of volatility. We will continue to monitor experience closely and adjust the valuation assumptions as needed.

## **Future Survivors**

The Duty Disability program provides death benefits to surviving spouses, domestic partners and children of disabled members who die as a result of the same injury or disease for which Duty Disability benefits were payable. We calculated a liability for future survivors by computing the present value of expected future benefits payable to survivors of currently disabled members. We have assumed that all of the disabled members are married or living with domestic partners, that males are three years older than their spouse/domestic partner and that females are three years younger than their spouse/domestic partner. We also assumed that one third of the disabled members will die from the same injury or disease that triggered Duty Disability benefits, and therefore that one third of the spouses or domestic partners will be eligible to receive income benefits upon the death of the disabled member.

We updated the annuity factors for future survivors to reflect the lower discount rate of 6.8%. In the process, we noticed that the mortality rates for future survivors were outdated and we fixed this issue in our models. We will be performing experience studies and a thorough review of the valuation assumptions later this year.

The estimated liability for future survivors increased by approximately 24% from \$21.0 million as of December 31, 2020 to \$26.1 million as of December 31, 2021. This change is due primarily to changes in interest and mortality rates and to timing adjustments for COLA benefits.

## **IBNR Claims**

The liability for IBNR claims represents the expected portion of program costs attributable to claims incurred but not reported as of the December 31, 2021 valuation date, and any claims in pending status that were not reported in the claim data. We computed the liability for IBNR claims by estimating an average annual incurred claim cost based on historical claim experience, and by estimating the proportion of incurred claims that were unreported as of December 31, 2021.

The following table shows Duty Disability incurred claims from 2014 through 2021.

**Table 2.5: Duty Disability Incurred Claims**  
**Experience Period: 2014 through 2021**

Calendar Year	Incurred Claims	Annual Payroll	Inc. Claims % of Payroll
2014	\$10,502,399	\$1,332,780,095	0.79%
2015	\$8,469,434	\$1,358,934,175	0.62%
2016	\$14,172,240	\$1,389,907,027	1.02%
2017	\$6,898,169	\$1,421,147,406	0.49%
2018	\$7,542,695	\$1,461,189,324	0.52%
2019	\$5,660,441	\$1,516,325,749	0.37%
2020	\$1,411,168	\$1,632,443,485	0.09%
2021	\$196,194	\$1,630,737,716	0.01%

We assumed that incurred claims experience from 2014 through 2018 is complete—i.e., we assumed that all claims incurred prior to 2019 had been reported as of December 31, 2021. Based on Duty Disability incurred claims experience from 2014 through 2018, we have assumed average incurred claims equal to 0.68% of payroll in any given year. We then calculated the cost for IBNR claims incurred in 2019 through 2021 as the difference between estimated annual incurred claims (i.e. 0.68% of payroll) and known incurred claims in those years, as shown below.

**Table 2.6: Estimated Cost for IBNR Claims**  
**As of December 31, 2021**

Calendar Year	Known Incurred Claims	Estimated Incurred Claims	Estimated IBNR Cost
2019	\$5,660,441	\$10,361,100	\$4,700,659
2020	\$1,411,168	\$11,154,536	\$9,743,369
2021	\$196,194	\$11,142,881	\$10,946,686

The estimated cost is \$10.9 million for IBNR claims incurred in 2021, \$9.7 million for IBNR claims incurred in 2020, and \$4.7 million for IBNR claims incurred in 2019. The estimated liability for IBNR claims is the present value of these three components as of December 31, 2021—i.e., \$27,607,638.

### **Loss Adjustment Expenses**

The liability for loss adjustment expenses represents the present value of expected future expenses related to the ongoing management and payment of Duty Disability claims. We used the same assumptions as last year for calculating the liability for loss adjustment expenses. These assumptions were developed from an analysis of Duty Disability administrative expenses from 2015 through 2019. In calculating the liabilities, we assumed that future expenses related to the ongoing management and payment of Duty Disability claims will be equal to 1.9% of benefit payments for open claims and 3.9% of benefit payments for IBNR claims. The assumption is higher for IBNR claims to reflect the additional costs related to adjudicating new claims.

### **Section III: Discussion of Duty Disability Funding Levels**

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The actuarial valuation of the Duty Disability program includes an analysis of current and future funding levels. The following table shows the Duty Disability fund balance as of December 31, 2021:

Table 3.1 Duty Disability Funding Analysis	
Balance Sheet Item	2021
Beginning of Year Balance	\$693,237,197
Plus: Smoothed Investment Income	\$84,590,183
Plus: Premium Contributions and Miscellaneous Income	\$4,036,165
Less: Insurance Claims	\$36,364,150
Less: Administrative Expenses	\$938,438
End of Year Balance	\$744,560,957
Estimated Liability as of 12/31/2021	\$523,760,207
Surplus (\$)	\$220,800,750
Surplus (%)	42%

The surplus as of December 31, 2021 (\$220.8 million) is equal to 42% of the estimated liability as of the valuation date. In 2019, the Board approved a surplus target range of 25% to 35% of the estimated liability for the Duty Disability program.

We have prepared financial projections to evaluate the long-term performance of the Duty Disability fund. The projections reflect actual results for 2021 and projected values in 2022 and beyond. The key elements of these projections include the following:

- **Beginning Balance:** The projected beginning balance for each year is equal to the prior year's ending balance.
- **Payroll:** The current payroll was provided to us by ETF. Future payroll is assumed to increase by 3.0% per year, which is consistent with the assumptions used by ETF for retirement fund projections.
- **Premium Contributions:** Premiums are modeled as a percentage of payroll. Although actual contribution rates vary by employer, we calculated an overall contribution rate of 0.123% for 2022 based on the projected 2022 premium contributions.
- **Investment Income:** Investment income is equal to 6.8% of starting fund balances throughout the projection period.

- **Insurance Claims:** Annual paid insurance claims are the sum of projected payments on existing claims as of December 31, 2021, and of payments on expected future claims incurred after December 31, 2021.
- **Administrative Expenses:** Administrative expenses are modeled as a constant percentage of paid insurance claims, based on actual values in 2021.
- **Ending Balance:** The ending balance equals the starting balance, plus premiums, plus investment earnings, less claims, and less expenses.
- **Estimated Liability:** The incurred claim liability is modeled in a similar fashion to the insurance claims. It represents the sum of the decreasing liability on claims that existed as of December 31, 2021 and of the increasing liability for claims incurred after December 31, 2021.
- **Surplus or Deficit:** The projected surplus or deficit equals the ending balance less the actuarial liability.

Financial projections were developed for the following scenarios:

- The **Baseline** scenario assumes that contribution rates in 2022 and beyond are held level in all years.
- In **Scenario 1** we assume that contributions are reduced by 50% in 2023, and then held level.
- In **Scenario 2** we assume that contributions are waived in 2023 and beyond.
- In **Scenario 3** we assume that contributions are waived in 2023, and that contributions resume in 2024 based on current contribution rates.

The financial projections for these scenarios are provided on the following pages. In the Baseline Scenario, the surplus is expected to grow to \$283 million by the end of 2030 (48% of the estimated liability on December 31, 2030). The growth is driven primarily by the investment income projected in future years, based on a rate of 6.8% per year.

Scenarios 1 through 3 demonstrate the sensitivity of the fund balance to premium contributions. In Scenario 1, the surplus is projected to be \$271 million (46% of the estimated liability) on December 31, 2030, which is approximately \$12 million lower than the baseline scenario. Because the current contributions are significantly lower than the investment income, the premium holiday in Scenario 2 does not have a large impact on future fund levels. In Scenario 2, the surplus is projected to be \$259 million (44% of the estimated liability) on December 31, 2030. Scenario 3 assumes a premium holiday in 2023 only, and

the surplus is projected to be \$280 million (47% of the estimated liability) by the end of 2030.

The financial projections depend on a variety of actuarial assumptions about future experience, including but not limited to investment earnings, payroll growth, future mortality rates, and disability claim experience. For example, the projections are sensitive to the 6.8% investment income assumption. It is nearly certain that actual experience will vary from these assumptions, meaning that the plan's actual surplus or deficit will be higher or lower than the illustrated values.

## Baseline Scenario

Investment Income: 6.8%

Premium Contributions: Current contribution rates

Calendar Year	Actual	Projected								
		2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2030
BOY Fund Balance	\$693,237,197	\$744,560,957	\$758,894,633	\$773,197,563	\$787,469,522	\$801,710,327	\$815,952,407	\$830,328,917	\$844,747,576	\$859,248,539
Premium Contributions	\$4,026,735	\$2,073,769	\$2,135,982	\$2,200,061	\$2,266,063	\$2,334,045	\$2,404,066	\$2,476,188	\$2,550,474	\$2,626,988
Miscellaneous Income	\$9,430	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Investment Income	\$84,590,183	\$50,630,145	\$51,604,835	\$52,577,434	\$53,547,928	\$54,516,302	\$55,484,764	\$56,462,366	\$57,442,835	\$58,428,901
Total Revenues	\$88,626,348	\$52,703,914	\$53,740,817	\$54,777,495	\$55,813,990	\$56,850,347	\$57,888,830	\$58,938,554	\$59,993,309	\$61,055,889
Insurance Claims	\$36,364,150	\$37,404,940	\$38,445,730	\$39,486,520	\$40,527,310	\$41,536,351	\$42,417,661	\$43,399,888	\$44,347,875	\$45,227,141
Administrative Expense	\$938,438	\$965,297	\$992,157	\$1,019,016	\$1,045,875	\$1,071,915	\$1,094,659	\$1,120,007	\$1,144,471	\$1,167,162
Total Operating Expenses	\$37,302,588	\$38,370,237	\$39,437,887	\$40,505,536	\$41,573,186	\$42,608,267	\$43,512,320	\$44,519,896	\$45,492,346	\$46,394,303
Net Change in Fund Balance	\$51,323,760	\$14,333,676	\$14,302,930	\$14,271,959	\$14,240,805	\$14,242,080	\$14,376,510	\$14,418,659	\$14,500,963	\$14,661,585
EOY Fund Balance	\$744,560,957	\$758,894,633	\$773,197,563	\$787,469,522	\$801,710,327	\$815,952,407	\$830,328,917	\$844,747,576	\$859,248,539	\$873,910,124
Estimated Liability	\$523,760,207	\$531,700,818	\$539,536,598	\$547,239,186	\$554,779,286	\$562,103,016	\$569,391,399	\$576,571,195	\$583,718,138	\$590,817,635
Surplus / (Deficit)	\$220,800,750	\$227,193,815	\$233,660,965	\$240,230,336	\$246,931,041	\$253,849,391	\$260,937,518	\$268,176,381	\$275,530,401	\$283,092,489
Surplus % of Incurred Claim Liability	42%	43%	43%	44%	45%	45%	46%	47%	47%	48%

\* The estimated liability shown above includes the liability for open claims and claims incurred but not reported as of December 31, 2021, as well as the liability for new claims incurred by active members and survivors in 2022 and beyond.

## Scenario 1:

Investment Income: 6.8%

Premium Contributions: Reduced by 50% in 2023 and held level

Calendar Year	Actual	Projected									
		2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
BOY Fund Balance	\$693,237,197	\$744,560,957	\$758,894,633	\$772,129,572	\$785,228,878	\$798,184,287	\$811,019,574	\$823,858,618	\$836,599,203	\$849,270,839	
Premium Contributions	\$4,026,735	\$2,073,769	\$1,067,991	\$1,100,031	\$1,133,031	\$1,167,022	\$1,202,033	\$1,238,094	\$1,275,237	\$1,313,494	
Miscellaneous Income	\$9,430	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Investment Income	\$84,590,183	\$50,630,145	\$51,604,835	\$52,504,811	\$53,395,564	\$54,276,532	\$55,149,331	\$56,022,386	\$56,888,746	\$57,750,417	
Total Revenues	\$88,626,348	\$52,703,914	\$52,672,826	\$53,604,841	\$54,528,595	\$55,443,554	\$56,351,364	\$57,260,480	\$58,163,983	\$59,063,911	
Insurance Claims	\$36,364,150	\$37,404,940	\$38,445,730	\$39,486,520	\$40,527,310	\$41,536,351	\$42,417,661	\$43,399,888	\$44,347,875	\$45,227,141	
Administrative Expense	\$938,438	\$965,297	\$992,157	\$1,019,016	\$1,045,875	\$1,071,915	\$1,094,659	\$1,120,007	\$1,144,471	\$1,167,162	
Total Operating Expenses	\$37,302,588	\$38,370,237	\$39,437,887	\$40,505,536	\$41,573,186	\$42,608,267	\$43,512,320	\$44,519,896	\$45,492,346	\$46,394,303	
Net Change in Fund Balance	\$51,323,760	\$14,333,676	\$13,234,939	\$13,099,305	\$12,955,410	\$12,835,287	\$12,839,044	\$12,740,585	\$12,671,637	\$12,669,608	
EOY Fund Balance	\$744,560,957	\$758,894,633	\$772,129,572	\$785,228,878	\$798,184,287	\$811,019,574	\$823,858,618	\$836,599,203	\$849,270,839	\$861,940,447	
Estimated Liability	\$523,760,207	\$531,700,818	\$539,536,598	\$547,239,186	\$554,779,286	\$562,103,016	\$569,391,399	\$576,571,195	\$583,718,138	\$590,817,635	
Surplus / (Deficit)	\$220,800,750	\$227,193,815	\$232,592,974	\$237,989,692	\$243,405,001	\$248,916,558	\$254,467,219	\$260,028,008	\$265,552,701	\$271,122,813	
Surplus % of Incurred Claim Liability	42%	43%	43%	43%	44%	44%	45%	45%	45%	46%	

## Scenario 2:

Investment Income: 6.8%

Premium Contributions: Waived in 2023 and beyond

Calendar Year	Actual	Projected									
		2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
BOY Fund Balance	\$693,237,197	\$744,560,957	\$758,894,633	\$771,061,581	\$782,988,233	\$794,658,247	\$806,086,741	\$817,388,320	\$828,450,830	\$839,293,140	
Premium Contributions	\$4,026,735	\$2,073,769	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Miscellaneous Income	\$9,430	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Investment Income	\$84,590,183	\$50,630,145	\$51,604,835	\$52,432,188	\$53,243,200	\$54,036,761	\$54,813,898	\$55,582,406	\$56,334,656	\$57,071,934	
Total Revenues	\$88,626,348	\$52,703,914	\$51,604,835	\$52,432,188	\$53,243,200	\$54,036,761	\$54,813,898	\$55,582,406	\$56,334,656	\$57,071,934	
Insurance Claims	\$36,364,150	\$37,404,940	\$38,445,730	\$39,486,520	\$40,527,310	\$41,536,351	\$42,417,661	\$43,399,888	\$44,347,875	\$45,227,141	
Administrative Expense	\$938,438	\$965,297	\$992,157	\$1,019,016	\$1,045,875	\$1,071,915	\$1,094,659	\$1,120,007	\$1,144,471	\$1,167,162	
Total Operating Expenses	\$37,302,588	\$38,370,237	\$39,437,887	\$40,505,536	\$41,573,186	\$42,608,267	\$43,512,320	\$44,519,896	\$45,492,346	\$46,394,303	
Net Change in Fund Balance	\$51,323,760	\$14,333,676	\$12,166,948	\$11,926,651	\$11,670,014	\$11,428,494	\$11,301,578	\$11,062,510	\$10,842,310	\$10,677,630	
EOY Fund Balance	\$744,560,957	\$758,894,633	\$771,061,581	\$782,988,233	\$794,658,247	\$806,086,741	\$817,388,320	\$828,450,830	\$839,293,140	\$849,970,771	
Estimated Liability	\$523,760,207	\$531,700,818	\$539,536,598	\$547,239,186	\$554,779,286	\$562,103,016	\$569,391,399	\$576,571,195	\$583,718,138	\$590,817,635	
Surplus / (Deficit)	\$220,800,750	\$227,193,815	\$231,524,983	\$235,749,047	\$239,878,961	\$243,983,725	\$247,996,921	\$251,879,635	\$255,575,002	\$259,153,136	
Surplus % of Incurred Claim Liability	42%	43%	43%	43%	43%	43%	43%	44%	44%	44%	

### Scenario 3:

Investment Income: 6.8%

Premium Contributions: Waived in 2023 and then resumed in 2024

Calendar Year	Actual	Projected								
		2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029
BOY Fund Balance	\$693,237,197	\$744,560,957	\$758,894,633	\$771,061,581	\$785,188,294	\$799,273,975	\$813,350,383	\$827,549,956	\$841,779,645	\$856,078,789
Premium Contributions	\$4,026,735	\$2,073,769	\$0	\$2,200,061	\$2,266,063	\$2,334,045	\$2,404,066	\$2,476,188	\$2,550,474	\$2,626,988
Miscellaneous Income	\$9,430	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Investment Income	\$84,590,183	\$50,630,145	\$51,604,835	\$52,432,188	\$53,392,804	\$54,350,630	\$55,307,826	\$56,273,397	\$57,241,016	\$58,213,358
Total Revenues	\$88,626,348	\$52,703,914	\$51,604,835	\$54,632,249	\$55,658,867	\$56,684,675	\$57,711,892	\$58,749,585	\$59,791,490	\$60,840,346
Insurance Claims	\$36,364,150	\$37,404,940	\$38,445,730	\$39,486,520	\$40,527,310	\$41,536,351	\$42,417,661	\$43,399,888	\$44,347,875	\$45,227,141
Administrative Expense	\$938,438	\$965,297	\$992,157	\$1,019,016	\$1,045,875	\$1,071,915	\$1,094,659	\$1,120,007	\$1,144,471	\$1,167,162
Total Operating Expenses	\$37,302,588	\$38,370,237	\$39,437,887	\$40,505,536	\$41,573,186	\$42,608,267	\$43,512,320	\$44,519,896	\$45,492,346	\$46,394,303
Net Change in Fund Balance	\$51,323,760	\$14,333,676	\$12,166,948	\$14,126,712	\$14,085,681	\$14,076,408	\$14,199,572	\$14,229,690	\$14,299,144	\$14,446,042
EOY Fund Balance	\$744,560,957	\$758,894,633	\$771,061,581	\$785,188,294	\$799,273,975	\$813,350,383	\$827,549,956	\$841,779,645	\$856,078,789	\$870,524,831
Estimated Liability	\$523,760,207	\$531,700,818	\$539,536,598	\$547,239,186	\$554,779,286	\$562,103,016	\$569,391,399	\$576,571,195	\$583,718,138	\$590,817,635
Surplus / (Deficit)	\$220,800,750	\$227,193,815	\$231,524,983	\$237,949,108	\$244,494,689	\$251,247,368	\$258,158,557	\$265,208,450	\$272,360,650	\$279,707,196
Surplus % of Incurred Claim Liability	42%	43%	43%	43%	44%	45%	45%	46%	47%	47%

## **Appendix A: Plan Description**

A summary of the Duty Disability plan provisions is provided below:

**Benefit Eligibility:**

Members must satisfy all the following:

- Injured while performing duties or contracted disease due to occupation
- Disability is work-related
- Disability is expected to be permanent

Also, the disability must result in one of the following:

- Reduction in pay or position
- Assignment to light duty
- Retirement
- Impairs promotional opportunities

**Member Benefits:**

80% of salary (75% for local employees who are not eligible for a Social Security disability award and not eligible for a WRS disability benefit or LTD). For local members who have been terminated but not approved for WRS disability or LTD only, the percentage is reduced by 0.5% for each month of WRS creditable service over 25 years. For local members who have not been terminated or have been approved for WRS disability or LTD, the percentage is reduced by 0.5% per month for every month over 30 years. For all members, the offsets are as follows (with mandatory commencement ages in parenthesis if applicable):

- Any Social Security benefit based upon the participant's work record (age 62; if not already receiving SSDI)
- Unemployment compensation
- Worker's Compensation
- Any WRS retirement, separation, or disability benefit based upon member's earnings and service
- All earnings from the employer where the disability occurred
- A percent of other earnings as follows:
  - 1/3 of earnings less than 40% of salary
  - 1/2 of earnings between 40% and 80% of salary
  - 2/3 of earnings over 80% of salary
- A 5% reduction for non-state members who have not filed a Worker's Compensation claim for permanent disability

<u>Benefit Increases</u>	Individuals receive an annual increase of either 1 or 2 below:
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Social Security salary index for the following individuals:           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Under age 60, or</li> <li>- Older than 60 and receiving a regular disability retirement or regular LTDI, or</li> <li>- Receiving a duty disability death benefit based on 1998 law.</li> </ul> </li>   <li>2. Prior year's WRS core annuity dividend for the following individuals:           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Over age 60 and receiving special disability retirement or special LTDI, or</li> <li>- Over age 60 not receiving any regular disability retirement or LTDI</li> </ul> </li> </ol>
<u>Survivor Benefits:</u>	State employees and pre-5/3/88 applications for local employees:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Disabled member dies from the same condition that triggered the onset of Duty Disability benefit in order for a survivor benefit to be payable</li> <li>• 1/3 of the participant's monthly salary at time of death to surviving spouse (or domestic partner – State employees only), plus</li> <li>• \$15/month to the guardian of each unmarried child under the age of 18</li> <li>• Not to exceed 65% of the participant's monthly salary at time of death</li> <li>• No annual adjustments</li> </ul>
	Post-5/3/88 applications for local employees:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Disabled member dies from the same condition that triggered the onset of Duty Disability benefit in order for a survivor benefit to be payable</li> <li>• 1/2 of the participant's monthly salary at time of death to surviving spouse or domestic partner, less other income sources that are based on the participant's earnings record, plus</li> <li>• 1/10 of the participant's monthly salary at time of death to each unmarried child under the age of 18</li> <li>• Not to exceed 70% of the participant's monthly salary at time of death less offsets for other income</li> <li>• Subject to annual adjustments based on salary indexing</li> </ul>

Cancer Presumptive Law (state and local):

- Disabled member dies from the same condition that triggered the onset of Duty Disability benefit in order for a survivor benefit to be payable
- 70% of the participant's monthly salary at time of death to surviving spouse or domestic partner, less other income sources that are based on the participant's earnings record
- 1/10 of the participant's monthly salary at time of death to the guardian of each unmarried child under the age of 18, as long as there is no surviving spouse or domestic partner
- There is no maximum on dependent benefits
- Subject to annual adjustments based on salary indexing

Survivor benefits are offset by Chapter 102 Worker's Compensation death benefits

## **Appendix B: Valuation Assumptions**

Valuation Date: December 31, 2021

Discount Rate: 6.80%, representing the long-term investment return for the Duty Disability fund

Claim Termination Rates:

Rates are based on the 2015 - 2017 Experience Study performed by the actuary for the Wisconsin Retirement System, adjusted for recent trends in Duty Disability claim termination experience. The rates vary by attained age and gender. Sample rates are provided below for disabled members and survivors.

Duty Disability Annual Claim Termination Rates					
Disabled Members			Survivors		
Age	Male	Female	Age	Male	Female
25	0.017%	0.009%	25	0.026%	0.014%
30	0.025%	0.014%	30	0.033%	0.019%
35	0.037%	0.022%	35	0.058%	0.035%
40	0.049%	0.033%	40	0.077%	0.048%
45	0.072%	0.049%	45	0.098%	0.073%
50	0.125%	0.080%	50	0.130%	0.108%
55	0.200%	0.128%	55	0.303%	0.193%
60	0.330%	0.195%	60	0.435%	0.279%
65	0.528%	0.319%	65	0.664%	0.421%
70	0.891%	0.559%	70	1.083%	0.705%
75	1.630%	1.041%	75	1.830%	1.279%
80	2.999%	2.076%	80	3.362%	2.402%
85	5.056%	3.756%	85	6.283%	4.818%
90	8.761%	6.788%	90	10.914%	8.738%
95	11.668%	9.817%	95	19.093%	15.763%
100	14.067%	12.113%	100	26.492%	22.891%

Estimated Offsets: We estimated the following offsets to the member's Duty Disability benefit:

Estimated Offset	Assumption
WRS Benefits:	<p>Assume 15% of members qualify for a WRS disability benefit.</p> <p>Assume 10% of members under age 50 who do not qualify for a WRS disability benefit elect to receive a WRS separation benefit.</p> <p>Assume other members commence a WRS retirement benefit at age 50 (requirement of plan).</p> <p>Benefits are based on plan provisions and actuarial assumptions stated above.</p>
Social Security:	<p>Assume 10% of members under age 62 and covered by Social Security qualify for Social Security Disability Income benefits. Benefits are equal to 40% of the gross benefit amount.</p> <p>Assume all members under age 62 covered by Social Security will receive Social Security Retirement benefits at age 62.</p>
Unemployment Compensation:	None (No offsets observed)
Combined Offset from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Worker's Compensation</li> <li>• Employer Earnings</li> <li>• Other Earnings</li> </ul>	Assume 3.00% of gross benefit amount excluding separation benefits for disabled members who do not receive WC or earnings offsets.

Benefit Increases: Annual benefit increases of either 3.20% or 2.10% were assumed based on the following criteria:

1. Assumed 3.20% annual increases for the following individuals:
  - Under age 60, or
  - Older than 60 and receiving a regular disability retirement or regular LTDI, or
  - Receiving a duty disability death benefit based on 1998 law.

2. Assumed 2.10% for the following individuals:
  - Over age 60 and receiving special disability retirement or special LTDI, or
  - Over age 60 not receiving any regular disability retirement or LTDI

Death Benefits: Assumed that 33% of survivors (i.e. spouses/domestic partners) will be eligible to receive monthly benefits upon the death of the disabled member. These benefits are payable to survivors of disabled members who die as a result of the same injury or disease that triggered the Duty Disability benefit.

## **Appendix C: Contribution Rates**

The Plan is funded entirely by Employer contributions, which vary by experience as detailed in the following table. The contribution rate is adjusted by an Actuarial Adjustment Rate (AAR), updated each year such that expected employer contributions equal a targeted amount based on actuarial projections.

### **2022 Contribution Rate Schedule**

Employers pay the lower of the contribution rate associated with their claims as a percentage of payroll or their number of claims.

Tier	Contribution Rate as a % of Covered Payroll	Claims as a % of Covered Payroll	Number of Claims
1	0.04%	<=1.5%	1
2	0.08%	> 1.5% but ≤ 3.0%	2
3	0.17%	> 3.0% but ≤ 4.5%	3
4	0.30%	> 4.5% but ≤ 6.0%	4
5	0.47%	> 6.0% but ≤ 7.5%	5
6	0.68%	> 7.5% but ≤ 9.0%	6
7	0.93%	> 9.0% but ≤ 10.5%	7
8	1.12%	Claims > 10.5%	8 or more

## **Appendix D: Reliance Items**

In performing the valuation of the Duty Disability program as of December 31, 2021, we relied, without audit, on certain data and information provided by ETF. To the extent any of the data or other items were incomplete or inaccurate, the results of our work may be materially affected.

The principal items on which we relied included the following:

- Lists of active disability claims and related information
- Fund balances, premium contributions, plan expenses, payroll, and other financial information provided by ETF
- Plan descriptions provided by ETF
- Discussions with ETF