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First I would like to commend the commission for a thorough presentation of its recommendation. It is clear and concise. I also explored the website and related information. Frankly, I'm appalled at the pay inequities between departments and similar positions. I don't disagree that a pay increase for the governor and Lt. governor are in order. However, it disturbs me that legislators may receive a pay increase and still be allowed some form of per diem that is governed by Leg Affairs.

A salary of \$50,400 per year is roughly equivalent to GGU Range 18A. Below that rating, very few GGU members will see \$2,100 per pay period unless they are in longevity and those below a 13M will never see it. I'm certain there will be unintended consequences from this study. From the reaction I've seen in the blogs, there could be difficult days ahead.

Here's hoping for good results all around.

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