

"By the pricking of my thumbs, something wicked this way comes." The *McBeth* Witches may have been referring to the play's namesake. But today, I am referring to the real threat of Minnesota Police and Firefighters possibly losing their pensions. They have received these from being injured in the line of duty. My name is Alex Jaffe. I am not a fire fighter or police officer. I am a disability advocate, university graduate, stand up comedian, formerly affiliated with various nonprofits and a member of the disability community. Bill S.F. 1959 isn't just a police/firefighter issue. It's a disability issue. There is talk about the ballooning cost of these pensions. But what can we do? Cut the pensions? That would initially save the state that initial payment. But that would immediately shift the cost somewhere else. The way to reduce the rate of retirement is Wellness training. Help these public servants avoid these mental health issues, while on the job. This will help with job retention, job satisfaction and stem the pension issues. What is being proposed is the same as when lawmakers go after veteran benefits. Whoever is "pro" this bill should be ashamed. If Bill S.F. 1959 is passed, the human cost will be hefty and you will be to blame. As Lady *McBeth* said "What, will these hands ne'er be clean". "All the perfumes of Arabia will not sweeten this little hand."