

# Legislative Commission on Pensions and Retirement

Senator Julie Rosen, Chair

Tuesday, February 8, 2022 - 5:00 p.m.

## REMOTE HEARING\*

### AGENDA

- [SF 2810 \(Benson\)](#): PERA; Restores segmented annuities to members who have breaks in public employment.**  
Staff review: Chad Burkitt ([Summary](#))  
Testifiers: Amy Strenge, Policy Coordinator, Public Employees Retirement Association  
Diane Edwards, PERA member ([Letter](#), Administrative Law Judge Recommendation)
- [SF 2957 \(Kiffmeyer\)](#); [HF 3136 \(Bahner\)](#): PERA, MSRS; Continuing payment of annuity to health care workers who return to employment from retirement or continue employment on a phased retirement agreement.**
  - Author [Amendment A22-0298](#)Staff review: Susan Lenczewski ([Summary](#))  
Testifiers: Becca Lundberg, CRNA, Hennepin Healthcare  
Amy Strenge, Policy Coordinator, Public Employees Retirement Association
- [SF 1547 \(Jasinski\)](#); [HF 1577 \(Koznick\)](#): Requires the Department of Labor and Industry to study benefit adequacy for disabled or injured police officers.**
  - Author [Amendment A22-0300](#)Staff review: Susan Lenczewski ([Summary](#))  
Testifiers: Wendy Wulff ([Presentation](#))  
Kate Daly, Assistant Commissioner, Workers' Compensation, Dpt. Labor & Industry  
Ethan Landy, General Counsel, Office of General Counsel, Dpt. Labor & Industry  
[Letter](#), Brian Peters, Minnesota Police and Peace Officers Association  
[Fiscal Note, HF1577](#)

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4. **[HF 2610 \(Rasmusson\)](#): Requires volunteer firefighters relief association special fund assets to be invested with the State Board of Investment.**

- Author **[Amendment A22-0293](#)**

Staff review: Susan Lenczewski ([Summary](#) and [attachment](#))

Testifiers: John Mulé, Director of Legal and Policy Services, State Board of Investment  
Erol Sonderegger, Asst. Exec. Dir., Portfolio Management & Risk Analysis, State Board of Investment  
Luke Draxten  
State Auditor Julie Blaha  
Chief BJ Jungmann, Legislative Chair, MN State Fire Chiefs Association (MSFCA)  
Chief Ed Hoffman, Owatonna Fire Dpt, & volunteer firefighter for N. Mankato FD.  
Dave Yurczyk, President, Minnesota State Fire Departments Association  
[Letter](#), Kevin Hruby, Vice President, Minnetonka Firefighter's Relief Association  
[Report](#), Office of the State Auditor, 2019 Financial and Investment Report of Volunteer Fire Relief Associations

5. **[SF 2614 \(Anderson\)](#); [HF 2690 \(Lueck\)](#): MSRS; Military service purchases similar to the PERA provisions for service credit purchases that are not federally protected.**

Staff review: Susan Lenczewski ([Summary](#))

Testifiers: Mike LeDoux, President of MN State Patrol Trooper's Association  
Glen Bihler, State Patrol Trooper and Army Veteran  
Erin Leonard, Executive Director, MSRS

[Letter](#), Caleb Silgjord, Vice President, MN Conservation Officers Association  
[Letter](#), James Kotten, State Trooper and Marine Corps veteran  
[Letter](#), Matthew J Frericks, Veteran and law enforcement officer  
[Letter](#), Representative Dale Lueck  
[Letter](#), Wayne Hatlestad, President, MN Conservation Officers Association

6. **[SF 2591 \(Osmek\)](#); [HF 2964 \(Hertaus\)](#): MSRS; Permits the survivor of a deceased state employee to purchase service credit to receive an annuity death benefit.**

Staff review: Chad Burkitt ([Summary](#))

Testifiers: Susan Morimoto  
Joseph Morimoto  
Devin Bruce, Public Affairs Coordinator, MN Association of Professional Employees  
Erin Leonard, Executive Director, MSRS