

Legislative Commission on Pensions and Retirement

Representative Kaohly Vang Her, Chair

Thursday, March 16, 2023 – 6:00 PM
Capitol Room 120

AGENDA

1. Approval of [March 6, 2023](#), meeting minutes.
2. Presentation on the State Auditor's [Supplemental State Aid Work Group Report](#).

Presenter: State Auditor Julie Blaha
[Presentation](#)

Testifier: Todd Greseth, Firefighter, Supplemental State Aid Work Group Member

3. [HF 2928 \(Nelson\)](#); [SF xxxx \(Pappas\)](#): State Auditor's Volunteer Firefighter Working Group recommendation on audit requirement threshold increase.

Staff review: Susan Lenczewski
[Summary](#) and [Exhibit G](#)
[Overview of Retirement Benefits for Volunteer Firefighters](#) (*provides information related to agenda items #3-6*)

Testifiers: State Auditor Julie Blaha
Aaron Johnston, Assistant Fire Chief, Coon Rapids Fire Department and Relief Association Treasurer
Ron Johnson, Minnesota State Fire Department Association and Retired Maple Grove Firefighter
Submitted: Minnesota State Fire Chiefs Association [letter of support](#)

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4. **[HF 217 \(Franson/Stephenson\)](#); [SF 809 \(Westrom\)](#): PERA Statewide Volunteer Firefighter Plan; Modifying service counted in determining vesting in a retirement benefit.**

- [Amendment H0217-1A](#)

Staff review: Susan Lenczewski

[Staff Summary of bill and amendment](#)

Testifiers: Doug Anderson, Executive Director, Public Employees Retirement Association
Philip Zimpel (*via Zoom*), Firefighter, Forada Fire Department, formerly with the
Plummer Fire Department

5. **[HF 2007 \(Robbins\)](#); [SF 1975 \(Limmer\)](#): PERA Statewide Volunteer Firefighter Plan; Mid-year coverage effective date for Hamel and Loretto firefighters, merger of assets and liabilities.**

Staff review: Susan Lenczewski

[Staff Summary](#)

Testifiers: Jeffrey Ruchti, Fire Chief, Hamel Volunteer Fire Department
Jeff Leuer, Fire Chief, Loretto Fire Department

6. **[HF 2777 \(Hudella\)](#): PERA Statewide Volunteer Firefighter Plan; Amending the requirements applicable to a relief association after the affiliated fire department joins the plan.**

Staff review: Susan Lenczewski

[Staff Summary](#)