



Legislative Commission on Pensions and Retirement

Tuesday, April 8, 2025, 5:30 PM

Room 1200, Minnesota Senate Building

Agenda

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1. Approval of the [April 1, 2025, meeting minutes](#).
2. [SF 2640 \(Maye Quade\)](#); [HF 2367 \(Nadeau\)](#): Implementing the labor agreement between the State and SEIU Healthcare Minnesota and Iowa for individual providers of direct support services; establishing the Minnesota Caregiver Retirement Fund Trust.

Testimony and discussion on this bill is limited to sections 1 and 14, the portion that relates to the Minnesota Caregiver Retirement Fund Trust.

- [Amendment S2640-1A](#)
- Staff review: Susan Lenczewski ([Staff Memo](#))
- Testifiers:
 - Rick Varco, Political Director, SEIU Healthcare Minn., [Handout 1](#), [Handout 2](#)
 - Phillip Cryan, Executive Vice President, SEIU Healthcare Minn.
 - Jennifer Ziegler, Enterprise Director, Labor Relations, Minnesota Management and Budget

Teachers Retirement Association (TRA) Bills

Testimony will be limited to two minutes per testifier on the TRA bills.

3. [SF 2000 \(Gustafson\)](#); [HF 1582 \(Wolgamott\)](#): TRA; Providing an unreduced retirement annuity upon reaching age 60 with 30 years of service, modifying the early retirement reduction factors, increasing postretirement adjustments, increasing employer contribution rates, and appropriating money.

The following bills are identical to SF 2000/HF 1582:

[SF 2523 \(Cwodzinski\)](#)/[HF 2341 \(Clardy\)](#) and [HF 3052 \(Gander\)](#)

- [Amendment S2000-1A](#)
- [Amendment S2000-2A](#)
- Staff review: Aleena Wilson ([SF2000-HF1582 Summary](#))
- In-Person Testifiers:
 - Tim Maurer, Executive Director, TRA
 - Holly Dayton, Legislative Liaison, TRA
 - Phill Tencick, Executive Director/CIO, St. Paul Teachers Retirement Fund Assoc.
 - Rodney Rowe, Secretary-Treasurer, Education Minnesota

- Ryan Fiereck, President, Education Minnesota St. Francis, Co-Chair of Education Minnesota's Pensions Advisory Group
 - Ternesha Burroughs, President, Education Minnesota Osseo
 - Dr. Marcia Wyatt, Teacher, Minneapolis Public Schools
 - Heidi Simons, Teacher, Member of the Education Minnesota's Pensions Advisory Group
 - Lisa Olson, Union President, Elk River Education Association President
 - Tim Moynihan, Vice-President, Retired Educators Association of Minnesota (REAM)
 - Lonnie Duberstein, Past President, REAM
 - Jason Savage, High School Principal, Pillager Schools ISD #116
 - Katie Dickerson, Art Educator, Hopkins
 - Vickie Penick, Minnesota Educator
 - Maggie Temple, Social Studies Teacher, 31 years
 - Jim Olson, Duluth Federation of Teachers ([Handout](#))
 - Julie A. Seiler, MN Public School Educator, Band Teacher, Spring Lake Park School District #16
 - Steve Clouse, CTE Instructor, Nashwauk-Keewatin High School ISD 319
 - Jody Anderson, Education Minnesota Retired
 - David Kubes
 - Lora Larson, Math Teacher
 - Kara Bancroft, Kara Bancroft, 5th Grade Teacher, St. Louis Park ([Handout](#))
 - Stacy Bartlett, MN teacher of 29 years, Stillwater Area Schools
 - Letters from organizations:
 - [Joint letter from](#): MN Assoc. of School Administrators, MN Assoc. of Secondary School Principals, MN Elementary School Principals' Assoc., and MN Rural Education Assoc.
 - [Letter from East Central Minnesota Educational Cable Cooperative](#), submitted by Executive Director Marc Johnson
 - [Submitted testimony from 147 individuals](#) on the TRA bills - *see list at the end of the agenda*
4. [SF 3239 \(Abeler\)](#); [HF 2318 \(Nadeau\)](#): TRA; Providing an unreduced retirement annuity upon reaching age 62 with 30 years of service, increasing employer contribution rates, and appropriating money.
- [Amendment S3239-2A](#)
 - Staff review: Aleena Wilson ([SF3239-HF2318 Summary](#))
 - Testifiers:
 - Dr. Jeff Ridlehoover, Superintendent, Rockford Area School District 883 ([Handout](#))
 - Paul Peterson, Special Education Teacher, International Falls ISD #361
 - Kate Lynne Snyder, Education Minnesota, Lobbyist
 - Phill Tencick, Executive Director/CIO, St. Paul Teachers
5. [SF 2992 \(Pratt\)](#); [HF 2329 \(Nadeau\)](#): TRA; Lowering the age from 62 to 60 for the enhanced early retirement reduction.
- [Amendment S2992-1A](#)
 - Staff review: ([SF2992-HF2329 Summary](#))
 - Testifiers:
 - Kate Lynne Snyder, Education Minnesota, Lobbyist
 - Phill Tencick, Executive Director/CIO, St. Paul Teachers

Combined Submitted Testimony from Individuals

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Bob Laine, CTE Teacher/Coach, Baudette, MN 2) Sue Erickson, Veteran Educator, Crookston, MN 3) Rylan Hendrickson, 4th Grade Teacher, Lake of the Woods 4) Bill Schultz, Plainview-Elgin Millville Schools, Plainview, MN 5) Robin Knutson, District Media/K-12 Curriculum Support Specialist, Brainerd Public Schools 6) Brad Thompson 5-12 Band and 7-12 CTE, Karlstad, MN 7) Chris Sarkinen, Title I Teacher, Robbinsdale Area Schools 8) Jeff Erdmann, Minnesota Teacher & Head Football Coach 9) Meghan Fulton, Teacher, Bloomington, MN (resident) / Savage, MN (employed) 10) Lisa Kulzer, Teacher, South Washington County Schools 11) Kathie Nelson, Work Experience Coordinator, Shakopee High School 12) Sara Miles, Elementary Education Teacher, Rosemount-Apple Valley-Eagan School District 13) Katy Bauernschmitt, 33-year MN teacher 14) Jennifer Johnson, 31-year MN teacher 15) Julie Yost-Minnich, 5th Grade Teacher, Plainview-Elgin Millville Schools 16) Elizabeth Osborne, 2nd Grade Teacher, Robbinsdale Area Schools 17) Darin Bourasa, 4th Grade Teacher, St. Francis Elementary School 18) Seth Kelly, Educator, Morris Area Public Schools and MN State University-Moorhead 19) Nancy Ethen, FACS / Math Instructor, Holdingford High School 20) Steven Huesman, Social Studies teacher, Rochester 21) Katharine McGraw, 7th Grade Mathematics Teacher, Litchfield Middle School 22) Jim Reed, 34th year in a classroom 23) Tina Beeler, Kindergarten Teacher, South St. Paul Public Schools 24) Cindy Nordstrom, Elementary K-5 STEM Teacher, ISD 196 Rosemount-Apple Valley-Eagan 25) Pete Kautto, Staples-Motley Career Educator, New York Mills 26) Amy Swenson, Public School Teacher | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 27) Steve Bliven, Teacher, Stillwater Area Schools 28) Brian Tillmann, 5th Grade Teacher, Hutchinson 29) Julianne Polsfut, Kindergarten Teacher, St. Francis Area Schools 30) Roxanne Robinson, Teacher, Pillsbury Community Elementary School in Minneapolis 31) Sherri Juenemann, Science Teacher, Bloomington 32) Daniel Moddes, Social Studies Teacher, Pequot Lakes Public High School 33) Melissa Bouc, 18 Years in Education, Nisswa 34) Sarah Graham, Primary Age/Elementary School Teacher, Buffalo School District #877 35) Angela Hutchins, School Counselor, Rochester Minnesota 36) Ann Reed, Speech/Language Pathologist 37) Diane Solberg, Teacher, North Branch ISD#138 38) Sue Helberg, Minnesota Elementary Educator 39) Judee Vesledahl, Teacher, Becker Public Schools 40) Tony Vesledahl, Industrial Education Teacher, Milaca Public Schools 41) Ann Millan, 5th Grade Teacher, Robbinsdale Area Schools 42) Colleen Callender, 35-Year TRA Member 43) Rhonda Alberts, Teacher, Austin High School 44) Katy Polman, Science Teacher, Anoka Hennepin 45) Jenny Linnell, English Language Arts Teacher, Grand Rapids 46) Lisa-Marie Schrag, Minnesota Educator 47) Melinda Wetteland, Teacher, St. Francis Area Schools 48) Robin Kautto, 35-Year Career Educator, Staples-Motley 49) Kadee Vesledahl, Teacher, Hibbing Public Schools 50) Deb Hart 51) Tim Peabody, Planetarium Director, Forestview Middle School 52) Julie Martzke 53) Lisa-Marie Schrag, Teacher, St. Francis Area Schools 54) Kim Sonju-Zrust 55) Carmen Briceño, Spanish instructor 56) Steve and Jill O'Toole, Teachers, Eden Prairie Schools 57) Cindy Palm 58) Kari Heikkinen |
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- 59) Eunice Peabody
- 60) Sarah Graham
- 61) Colleen Salay Elementary School Teacher, Centennial School District
- 62) Wendy Graves, FLES Spanish Teacher, Hopkins Public Schools
- 63) Shannon Burns, 4th Grade Teacher, Basswood Elementary
- 64) Wendy Hintermeyer, First Grade Teacher, Zachary Lane Elementary
- 65) David Gryte, Teacher, North Branch Area Public Schools
- 66) Layne Danielson, Teacher, MN Public Schools
- 67) Kathryn Almen, 5th Grade Reading/Language Arts Teacher, Forestview Middle School
- 68) Holly Paschke, Speech-Language Pathologist, Clover Ridge Elementary School
- 69) Jennifer Brunsberg, Spanish and French teacher since 1993
- 70) Kent Christian, Greenbush-Middle River
- 71) Marc Johnson, Executive Director, East Central Minnesota Educational Cable Cooperative
- 72) Michael Sievert, 5th Grade Teacher, Frazee-Vergas School District
- 73) Diane Schultz, Teacher, Cambridge, MN
- 74) Craig J. Schlichting, Superintendent, Triton Public Schools
- 75) Diana Regis, Social Studies Teacher, Lakeville South High School
- 76) Deb Bradford, Teacher, Stanchfield, MN
- 77) Molly Haspert, Teacher, Minneapolis Public Schools
- 78) Bryan Barber, 5th Grade Math Teacher, ISD 181
- 79) Amy Altenburg, Teacher, Minnetonka Public Schools
- 80) Brian Stark, 5th Grade Science Teacher, Forestview Middle School, Brainerd Public Schools
- 81) Wade Amundson, Science Teacher, Minnewaska Area Schools
- 82) Brent Bovitz, Teacher, Eden Prairie
- 83) Jacob Torgerson, Math Teacher, Morris Area High School
- 84) Roxanne Murray, Science Teacher, Crossroads at Bar-None
- 85) Lora Larson, Math Teacher
- 86) Susan Hougen Lieberg, Minnesota Teacher since 1990
- 87) Brian Wallace, Retired Professional Teacher
- 88) Liz Hatfield, Teaching Specialist and Assessment Coordinator, Univ. of Minn., Morris
- 89) Libby Gearey, Science Teacher, Forestview Middle School
- 90) Kimberly Husfeldt, MN School Psychologist
- 91) Jodi Prchal, Teacher, New Prague District
- 92) Karl Kaufmann - COVID Amendment Request
- 93) Lea Yager, Early Childhood Special Education Teacher, Anoka-Hennepin School District
- 94) Shelly Clausen, Learning Specialist, Lakeville ISD 194
- 95) Lisa Yoerg, 1st Grade Teacher, Sauk Rapids-Rice ISD 47
- 96) Jesse Johnson, Math Teacher, Minnewaska Area Schools
- 97) Brenda Kellen, Business Teacher, Marshall High School
- 98) Joyce Baumann, 3rd Grade Teacher, Cold Spring Elementary
- 99) Kim Erdahl, Minnesota Educator
- 100) Chad Gimbel, Business Education Teacher, Blooming Prairie
- 101) Sue Currens, Special Education Teacher, Minnewaska Area Schools
- 102) Bridget Peterson, K-12 Media Specialist, Esko Public Schools
- 103) Jeff Kocur
- 104) Jennifer Herrick, 12th year teacher
- 105) Steve Clouse, CTE Teacher, Nashwauk-Keewatin ISD 319
- 106) George Bruehl, Teacher, John Glenn Middle School ISD 622
- 107) Chris Lence, English-Language Arts Teacher, Minnewaska Area High School
- 108) Carla Korth, School Counselor, John Glenn Middle School ISD 622
- 109) Anne Klug, Kindergarten Teacher, Zachary Lane Elementary
- 110) Noelle Kratzke, Math Teacher, Minnewaska Area High School
- 111) Greg Tikalsky, Social Studies Teacher, New Prague High School

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| <p>112) Elizabeth Windhorst, 1st Grade Teacher, Susan Lindgren Elementary</p> <p>113) Ruth Hovel, 7th & 9th English Teacher, Minnewaska Secondary School</p> <p>114) Susan Kane, Special Education Teacher, Anoka-Hennepin School District</p> <p>115) Cindy Blumer, Teacher, St. Louis Park Schools</p> <p>116) Chelsea Rudie, English Language Learners Teacher, Maple Grove</p> <p>117) Lisa Jepson, Math Teacher, Moorhead High School</p> <p>118) Karna Palmer, Business Education Teacher, Minnewaska Area Schools</p> <p>119) Jon Stolski, Geography Teacher, Forestview Middle School</p> <p>120) Darla Erickson, Teacher, Minnewaska Area Schools</p> <p>121) Steve Entzi, Trades and Industry Teacher, Minnewaska Area Schools</p> <p>122) Richelle Peterson, Teacher, Duluth Public Schools</p> <p>123) Tom Andresen, Science Teacher, Forestview Middle School</p> <p>124) Ethan Soland, Social Studies Teacher, Fergus Falls High School</p> <p>125) Jennifer Erickson, 2nd Grade Teacher, Minnewaska Area Elementary School</p> <p>126) Mary Johnsrud, 1st Grade Teacher, Minnewaska Area Schools</p> <p>127) Robert Hapka, Industrial Technology Teacher, East Grand Forks Senior High School</p> <p>128) Lenore Strouth, Vocal Music Teacher, Sibley East Schools</p> <p>129) Cate McDonald, Kindergarten Teacher, Susan Lindgren Elementary School</p> <p>130) Lois Zak, Speech Language Pathologist, Anoka Hennepin School District</p> <p>131) Denise Ver Steeg, Special Education Teacher, Minnewaska Area Schools</p> <p>132) Brett Thorfinnson, Teacher, Minnewaska Area Middle School</p> <p>133) Ali Dvorak, Teacher, St. Louis Park School District</p> <p>134) David Vinje, English Teacher, Minnewaska Area High School</p> | <p>135) Charles Carlson, Band Director, Brainerd Public Schools</p> <p>136) Jean Barkeim, Elementary School Teacher, Minnewaska Area Schools</p> <p>137) Sheila Stolusky, Teacher, St. Louis Park Schools</p> <p>138) Lauren Pauley, Middle School English Teacher, Becker, MN</p> <p>139) Rita Scholten, Teacher, Alexandria Area High School</p> <p>140) Ann Millan, 5th Grade Teacher, Metro Area</p> <p>141) David Leom, Teacher, Milaca Public Schools</p> <p>142) Kara Bancroft, 5th Grade Teacher, St. Louis Park</p> <p>143) Christine Bistodeau, Kindergarten Teacher, Isanti Primary School</p> <p>144) Brian Weitz, Teacher, Gleason Lake Elementary, Wayzata</p> <p>145) Lanna Stahman, Physical Education Teacher</p> <p>146) Carrie Runke-Jones, Elementary School Teacher, St. Louis Park School District</p> <p>147) Maggie Temple, Social Studies Teacher, Hopkins High School</p> |
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