

Legislative Commission on Pensions and Retirement

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REMOTE HEARING

MINUTES

Call to order:

Chair Murphy called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

Commission Members Present:

Representatives Freiberg, Her, Murphy, Nelson, O'Driscoll, Richardson, and Vogel
Senators Dahms, Frentz, Jasinski, Limmer, Pappas, Rosen, and Senjem

Agenda Items

2020 Pension and Retirement Bill: HF 3903 (Murphy); SF 3808 (Rosen), in the form of delete-everything amendment H3903-DE1.

Chad Burkitt, Analyst, Legislative Commission on Pensions and Retirement, reviewed the delete-everything amendment containing the language of the 2020 Pension and Retirement Bill.

Amendment H3903-2A, technical corrections

Chad Burkitt, Analyst, reviewed Amendment H3903-2A.

Sen. Rosen moved Amendment H3903-2A. **Motion prevailed.**

Amendment H3903-5A, firefighter provisions

Susan Lenczewski, Executive Director, Legislative Commission on Pensions and Retirement, reviewed Amendment H3903-5A.

Brian Rice, representing the Plymouth Volunteer Firefighters Relief Association, testified in support of the -5A amendment.

Michael Walstien, Plymouth Volunteer Firefighters Relief Association, testified in support of the -5A amendment.

Anne Finn, Assistant Intergovernmental Relations Director, League of Minnesota Cities, testified in support of the -5A amendment.

Sen. Carlson testified in support of the -5A amendment.

Rep. Halverson testified in support of the -5A amendment.

Sen. Benson testified in support of the -5A amendment.

Mike Scott, Eagan Fire Chief, testified in support of the -5A amendment.

John Cunningham, Brooklyn Park Fire Chief and President of the Minnesota Fire Chiefs Association, testified in support of -5A amendment.

Michael Freske, employment attorney for the City of Brooklyn Park, testified in support of the -5A amendment.

Todd Seitz, Brooklyn Park Deputy Fire Chief and Brooklyn Park Relief Association president, testified in support of the -5A amendment.

Jeff Pilon, Mayor, City of Nowthen, testified in support of the -5A amendment.

Matt Kohner, Ramsey Fire Chief, testified in support of the -5A amendment.

State Auditor Julie Blaha testified in support of the -5A amendment.

Amy Strenge, Policy Coordinator, Public Employees Retirement Association (PERA), in response to a member's question, reviewed the two provisions removed from the amendment at PERA's request related to privatization withdrawal liability and police and fire disabilities.

Sen. Rosen moved Amendment H3903-5A.

Chair Murphy directed the Commission Assistant to take the roll.

Members voting AYE:

Chair Murphy	Sen. Dahms
Rep. Freiberg	Sen. Frentz
Rep. Her	Sen. Jasinski
Rep. Nelson	Sen. Limmer
Rep. O'Driscoll	Sen. Pappas
Rep. Richardson	Sen. Rosen
Rep. Vogel	Sen. Senjem

Members voting NAY: none

There being 14 ayes and no nays, **the motion prevailed.**

Amendment H3903-3A, MSRS Unclassified Plan retirement factors

Sen. Rosen offered Amendment H3903-3A.

Erin Leonard, Executive Director, Minnesota State Retirement System (MSRS), testified regarding the actuarial cost related to the -3A amendment.

Sen. Rosen moved Amendment H3903-3A, amended on page 1, after line 19, insert "(d) For any participant who terminates employment on or after July 1, 2020, and before July 1, 2021, if the

participant was at least age 63 or had at least 26 years of covered service as of June 30, 2020, the monthly amount of the annuity must be determined using the actuarial assumptions in effect for the general state employees retirement plan under section 356.215 on June 30, 2016."

Chair Murphy directed the Commission Assistant to take the roll.

Members voting AYE:

Chair Murphy	Sen. Dahms
Rep. Freiberg	Sen. Frentz
Rep. Her	Sen. Jasinski
Rep. Nelson	Sen. Limmer
Rep. O'Driscoll	Sen. Pappas
Rep. Richardson	Sen. Rosen
Rep. Vogel	Sen. Senjem

Members voting NAY: none

There being 14 ayes and no nays, **the motion prevailed.**

Amendment H3903-DE1, delete-everything amendment

Chair Murphy moved Amendment H3903-DE1, as amended, and directed the Commission Assistant to take the roll.

Members voting AYE:

Chair Murphy	Sen. Dahms
Rep. Freiberg	Sen. Frentz
Rep. Her	Sen. Jasinski
Rep. Nelson	Sen. Limmer
Rep. O'Driscoll	Sen. Pappas
Rep. Richardson	Sen. Rosen
Rep. Vogel	Sen. Senjem

Members voting NAY: none

There being 14 ayes and no nays, **the motion prevailed.**

HF 3903 (Murphy); SF 3808 (Rosen)

Chair Murphy moved to authorize staff to make any technical corrections to HF 3903 / SF 3808 as necessary. **Motion prevailed.**

Chair Murphy moved HF 3903 (Murphy); SF 3808 (Rosen), as amended, be adopted as the 2020 Pension and Retirement bill.

Chair Murphy directed the Commission Assistant to take the roll.

Members voting AYE:

Chair Murphy	Sen. Dahms
Rep. Freiberg	Sen. Frentz
Rep. Her	Sen. Jasinski
Rep. Nelson	Sen. Limmer
Rep. O'Driscoll	Sen. Pappas
Rep. Richardson	Sen. Rosen
Rep. Vogel	Sen. Senjem

Members voting NAY: none

There being 14 ayes and no nays, **the motion prevailed.**

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.