

January 26, 2007

MEETING NOTICE

Representative Matthew M. Klein, Chairman, has called a meeting of the **EMPLOYEE BENEFITS PROGRAMS COMMITTEE**.

Date: Thursday, February 8, 2007

Time: 4:00 p.m.

Place: Medora Room, State Capitol, Bismarck

Agenda: Presentation and review of the following bills submitted to the Employee Benefits Programs Committee affecting retirement or health insurance programs and related testimony:

- House Bill No. 1244 - Relates to the confidentiality of pharmaceutical manufacturer rebates obtained by the Public Employees Retirement System (Representative Kasper)
- House Bill No. 1432 - Authorizes the Public Employees Retirement System to establish a collaborative drug therapy program under the uniform group insurance program (Representative Price)
- House Bill No. 1433 - Requires the Public Employees Retirement System to establish a collaborative drug therapy program to improve the health of individuals with diabetes and to manage health care expenditures (Representative Price)
- House Bill No. 1486 - Allows a legislator or former legislator to pay the state employee rate for health insurance under the uniform group insurance program for those whose service in the Legislative Assembly terminated within the last five years (Representative Skarphol)
- House Bill No. 1510 - Expands the uniform group insurance program to include members of the North Dakota National Guard (Representative Schneider)
- Senate Bill No. 2166 - Provides that overtime earned by employees of the Mill and Elevator are included as salaries and wages for purposes of the retirement program (Senator Holmberg)
- Senate Bill No. 2252 - Requires the uniform group insurance program to include coverage for illness or injury resulting from suicide, attempted suicide, or self-inflicted injury (Senator Mathern)
- Senate Bill No. 2413 - Allows participation by peace officers and correctional officers in the defined benefits retirement plan (Senator O'Connell)

Special Note: Anyone who plans to attend the meeting and needs assistance because of a disability should contact the Legislative Council staff as soon as possible.

Committee Members: Representatives Matthew M. Klein, Al Carlson, Joe Kroeber, Ken Svedjan, Francis J. Wald; Senators Ray Holmberg, Ralph L. Kilzer, Karen K. Krebsbach, Carolyn Nelson

Staff Contacts: Allen H. Knudson, Assistant Legislative Budget Analyst and Auditor
Jim W. Smith, Legislative Budget Analyst and Auditor

Any member who is unable to attend this meeting is asked to please notify this office as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

John D. Olsrud
Director

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