



EMPLOYEE BENEFITS PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

Monday, March 13, 2023
Pioneer Room, State Capitol
Bismarck, North Dakota

Representative Josh Boschee, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Members present: Representatives Josh Boschee, Bert Anderson, Claire Cory, Mitch Ostlie, Matthew Ruby, Mary Schneider, Paul J. Thomas; Senators Brad Bekkedahl, Randy A. Burckhard, Dick Dever, Tim Mathern, Kristin Roers

Member absent: Senator Shawn Vedaa

Others present: See [Appendix A](#)

It was moved by Senator Bekkedahl, seconded by Senator Roers, and carried on a voice vote that the minutes of the February 9, 2023, and February 17, 2023, meetings be approved as distributed.

AMENDMENT ACTUARIAL REPORTS

The committee received technical comments, actuarial information, and comments by interested persons relating to the following two sets of amendments, over which the committee took jurisdiction, which affect, actuarially or otherwise, the retirement programs of state employees or employees of any political subdivision, and health and retiree health plans of state employees or employees of any political subdivision pursuant to North Dakota Century Code Section 54-35-02.4:

- [Amendments to House Bill No. 1040 \[23.0280.04001\]](#), which provide for closure of the Public Employees Retirement System main system defined benefit (DB) retirement plan, routing of new hires into the defined contribution (DC) retirement plan, an opportunity for recent hires to opt into the DC retirement plan; and funding of the DB retirement plan.
- [Amendments to House Bill No. 1095 \[23.8073.01001\]](#), which provide for the inclusion of comprehensive medication management services in health benefits plans.

Mr. Scott Miller, Executive Director, Public Employees Retirement System, provided technical comments ([Appendix B](#)) and actuarial information ([Appendix C](#)) on the amendments to House Bill Nos. 1040 and 1095.

It was moved by Senator Dever, seconded by Senator Burckhard, and failed on a roll call vote that the committee give an unfavorable recommendation on the amendments to House Bill No. 1040. Representatives Boschee and Schneider and Senators Bekkedahl, Burckhard, Dever, and Mathern voted "aye." Representatives Anderson, Cory, Ostlie, Ruby, and Thomas and Senator Roers voted "nay."

It was moved by Senator Roers, seconded by Representative Ostlie, and carried on a roll call vote that the committee give a recommendation of no recommendation on the amendments to House Bill No. 1040. Representatives Boschee, Anderson, Cory, Ostlie, Ruby, and Schneider and Senators Bekkedahl, Burckhard, Dever, and Roers voted "aye." Representative Thomas and Senator Mathern voted "nay."

Ms. Megan Houn, Director, Government Relations, Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Dakota, testified in opposition to the amendments to House Bill No. 1095.

Mr. Dylan Wheeler, Senior Legislative Affairs Specialist, Sanford Health Plan, testified in opposition to the amendments to House Bill No. 1095.

It was moved by Senator Burckhard, seconded by Representative Cory, and carried on a roll call vote that the committee give an unfavorable recommendation on the amendments to House Bill No. 1095. Representatives Boschee, Anderson, Cory, Schneider, and Thomas and Senators Bekkedahl, Burckhard, Dever, Mathern, and Roers voted "aye." Representatives Ostlie and Ruby voted "nay."

No further business appearing, Chairman Boschee adjourned the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

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