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2005 HOUSE GOVERNMENT AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

HB 1073

2005 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 1073

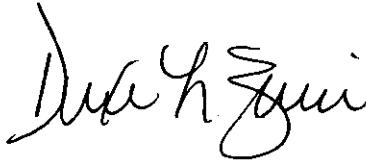
House Government and Veterans Affairs Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date 1/06/05

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
1		x	6.3-9.2

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Minutes: HB 1073 Relating to primary insurance benefits under the old-age and survivor insurance system: and to provide and appropriation. Oasis Retirement Plan administered by Pers. Three remaining survivors.

14 members present, 0 absent

**Chairman Haas:** We will open the hearing on HB 1073.

**Sparb Collins-Executive Director of the North Dakota Public Employees Retirement System or PERS-For-Testimony attached**

**Vice Chairman Grande:** With our amendment we are not having to deal with the employees benefits committee.

**Sparb:** It is just a technical amendment to transfer it into the fund.

**Chairman Haas:** Where do these few remaining people live? Do you have an idea?

**Sparb:** Off hand I don't know. We would have that information in the office.

**Chairman Haas:** Any more questions for Sparb? Thank you.

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**Vice Chairman Grande:** Move the amendment on HB 1073.

**Rep. Klemin:** I second

**Chairman Haas:** All in favor of the amendment say I. Unanimous.

**Vice Chairman Grande:** I move to **DO PASS** on **HB 1073**

**Rep. Conrad:** I second.

**VOTE: YES 14 NO 0 ABSENT 0 Rep. Froseth will carry the bill.**

**FISCAL NOTE**  
 Requested by Legislative Council  
 12/22/2004

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1073

1A. **State fiscal effect:** *Identify the state fiscal effect and the fiscal effect on agency appropriations compared to funding levels and appropriations anticipated under current law.*

	2003-2005 Biennium		2005-2007 Biennium		2007-2009 Biennium	
	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds
Revenues						
Expenditures				\$19,000		
Appropriations				\$19,000		

1B. **County, city, and school district fiscal effect:** *Identify the fiscal effect on the appropriate political subdivision.*

2003-2005 Biennium			2005-2007 Biennium			2007-2009 Biennium		
Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts

2. **Narrative:** *Identify the aspects of the measure which cause fiscal impact and include any comments relevant to your analysis.*

The proposed legislation would make the following changes:

- Increases the monthly benefits provided by the OASIS Retirement Plan by \$26.66 each year for the next two years (2005 and 2006); and
- Requests a specific dollar amount of funding for the Plan.

3. **State fiscal effect detail:** *For information shown under state fiscal effect in 1A, please:*

- A. **Revenues:** *Explain the revenue amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each revenue type and fund affected and any amounts included in the executive budget.*
- B. **Expenditures:** *Explain the expenditure amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each agency, line item, and fund affected and the number of FTE positions affected.*

The requested general funds includes \$2,160 to fund the benefit increase and \$16,840 to pay for the continuation of the present level of benefits for the 3 remaining members of this retirement plan.

- C. **Appropriations:** *Explain the appropriation amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, of the effect on the biennial appropriation for each agency and fund affected and any amounts included in the executive budget. Indicate the relationship between the amounts shown for expenditures and appropriations.*

Appropriates from the general fund additional funding to pay the required benefits for 2005-2007.

<b>Name:</b>	Sparb Collins	<b>Agency:</b>	Public Employees Retirement System
<b>Phone Number:</b>	328-3901	<b>Date Prepared:</b>	12/30/2004

50056.0201  
Title.0300

Adopted by the Government and Veterans  
Affairs Committee  
January 6, 2005

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1/6/05

**HOUSE** AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1073 GVA 1-705

Page 1, line 23, after "system" insert "for transfer to the old-age and survivors' insurance trust fund"

Renumber accordingly

Date: 1/6/05  
Roll Call Vote #: 1

2005 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES  
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 1073

House House Government and Veterans Affairs

Committee

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Legislative Council Amendment Number 50056.0201

Action Taken DO PASS AS AMENDED

Motion Made By VICE CHAIR GRANDE Seconded By Rep. KLEMIN

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Chairman C.B. Haas			Rep. Bill Amerman		
Bette B. Grande - Vice Chairman			Rep. Kari Conrad		
Rep. Randy Boehning			Rep. Louise Potter		
Rep. Glen Froseth			Rep. Sally M. Sandvig		
Rep. Pat Galvin					
Rep. Stacey Horter					
Rep. Jim Kasper					
Rep. Lawrence R. Klemin					
Rep. Lisa Meier					
Rep. Margaret Sitte					

Total (Yes) 14 No 0

Absent 0

Floor Assignment Rep. Froseth

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)  
January 26, 2005 3:08 p.m.

Module No: HR-17-1134  
Carrier: Froseth  
Insert LC: 50056.0201 Title: .0300

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**HB 1073: Government and Veterans Affairs Committee (Rep. Haas, Chairman)**  
recommends **AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS** and when so amended, recommends  
**DO PASS** (14 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1073 was placed  
on the Sixth order on the calendar.

Page 1, line 23, after "system" insert "for transfer to the old-age and survivors' insurance trust  
fund"

Renumber accordingly



2005 HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS

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2005 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB1073  
OASIS

House Appropriations Full Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date February 1, 2005

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
2	X		#45.3 - #51.0

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*Chris Alexander*

Minutes:

**Rep. Ken Svedjan, Chairman** opened the hearing on HB1073.

**Rep. Al Carlson** explained that this bill changes the amount of money and the multiplier for the retirement of the three people who remain in the Old Age and Survivors Insurance System. The system is functional and the fiscal impact is \$19,000 of general funds. We were told by PERS that this is a sound thing to do and that the youngest person in this system is 95 years old.

**Rep. Al Carlson** moved a Do Pass on HB1073.

**Rep. Francis J. Wald** seconded.

**Rep. Ken Svedjan, Chairman** called for discussion. Seeing none, the chair called for a roll call vote. Motion passed with a vote of 20 yeas, 0 nays, and 3 absent. Rep Froseth will carry this bill to the floor of the house.

**Rep. Ken Svedjan, Chairman** closed discussion on HB1073. (meter Tape #2, side A, #52)

Date: **February 1, 2005**  
Roll Call Vote #: **1**

**2005 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES**  
**BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB1073**

**House Appropriations - Full Committee**

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Legislative Council Amendment Number

Action Taken **DO PASS**

Motion Made By **Rep Carlson**

Seconded By **Rep Wald**

<b>Representatives</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Representatives</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
Rep. Ken Svedjan, Chairman	X		Rep. Bob Skarphol	X	
Rep. Mike Timm, Vice Chairman	X		Rep. David Monson	AB	
Rep. Bob Martinson	X		Rep. Eliot Glassheim	X	
Rep. Tom Brusegaard	AB		Rep. Jeff Delzer	X	
Rep. Earl Rennerfeldt	AB		Rep. Chet Pollert	X	
Rep. Francis J. Wald	X		Rep. Larry Bellew	X	
Rep. Ole Aarsvold	X		Rep. Alon C. Wieland	X	
Rep. Pam Gulleson	X		Rep. James Kerzman	X	
Rep. Ron Carlisle	X		Rep. Ralph Metcalf	X	
Rep. Keith Kempenich	X				
Rep. Blair Thoreson	X				
Rep. Joe Kroeber	X				
Rep. Clark Williams	X				
Rep. Al Carlson	X				

Total Yes **20** No **0**

Absent **3**

Floor Assignment **Rep. Froseth**

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

OASIS - Full

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)  
February 1, 2005 1:39 p.m.

Module No: HR-21-1564  
Carrier: Froseth  
Insert LC: . Title: .

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

HB 1073, as engrossed: Appropriations Committee (Rep. Svedjan, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (20 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 3 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). Engrossed HB 1073 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

2005 SENATE GOVERNMENT AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

HB 1073

2005 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. **HB 1073**

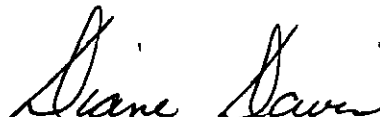
**Senate Government and Veterans Affairs**

Business and Conference Committee

Hearing Date March 4, 2005

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
1	x		3675-4525

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**Chairman Krebsbach** opens hearing on **HB 1073**

**Relating to primary insurance benefits under the old-age and survivor insurance system.**

**(meter #3675)**

**Sparb Collins** - PERS - See written testimony. In favor of this bill. Relates to the OASIS Retirement plan.

**Senator Krebsbach** - Asked Sparb to explain how this bill came about and how PERS got it.

**Sparb Collins** - Last session it was transferred to PERS from Job Service. He was not sure of the history.

Discussion followed from committee as to the history of OASIS. There are three people left on the plan, ages 91, 92 and 95.

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Senate Government and Veterans Affairs

Bill/Resolution Number **HB 1073**

Hearing Date March ~~2~~<sup>4</sup>, 2005

Closed the hearing on 1073.

**(meter #4525)**

Moved for do pass by **Senator Nelson**

Seconded by **Senator Syverson**

**Senator Nelson** will carry

**(meter #4600)**

Date: *2/4/05*  
Roll Call Vote #: *1*

**2005 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES**  
**BILL/RESOLUTION NO. *1073***

Senate **Government and Veterans Affairs**

Committee

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Legislative Council Amendment Number

Action Taken *Do Pass with referral to appropriation*

Motion Made By *Senator Nelson* Seconded By *Senator Syverson*

Senators	Yes	No	Senators	Yes	No
Karen K. Krebsbach, Chairman	<i>X</i>		Carolyn Nelson	<i>X</i>	
Richard L. Brown, Vice Chairman	<i>X</i>				
Judy Lee	<i>X</i>				
John O. Syverson	<i>X</i>				

Total (Yes) *5* No *0*

Absent *0*

Floor Assignment *Senator Nelson*

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:



**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)**  
March 4, 2005 11:08 a.m.

**Module No: SR-40-4157**  
**Carrier: Nelson**  
**Insert LC: . Title: .**

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**HB 1073, as engrossed: Government and Veterans Affairs Committee (Sen. Krebsbach, Chairman) recommends DO PASS and BE REREFERRED to the Appropriations Committee (5 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). Engrossed HB 1073 was rereferred to the Appropriations Committee.**

2005 SENATE APPROPRIATIONS

HB 1073

2005 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB 1073

Senate Appropriations Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date 03/14/05

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
1	x		2923-3658

Committee Clerk Signature *on file*

Minutes: **Chairman Holmberg** opened hearing on HB 1073.

**Sparb Collins, Executive Director NDPERS**, appeared in support of HB 1073. Written testimony was provided, it was read verbatim, see appendix I. Mr. Collins stating that HB 1073 is related to the OASIS Retirement plan administered by PERS. This plan has three remaining survivors.

**Chairman Holmberg:** What is the typical benefit per month?

**Mr. Collins:** Right now it is about \$700 per month, this bill would increase it by \$20 per month. Questions were asked regarding what the qualifiers career was, and why they qualify. Mr. Sparb stated that it was for state employees, prior to PERS system.

A **DO PASS** motion was made by Sen. Grindberg, seconded by Sen. Christmann. A roll call vote was taken, 11 yeas, 0 nays, and 4 absent votes were recorded. Sen. Nelson will be carrying the bill.

**Chairman Holmberg** closed hearing of HB 1073.

Date 3-14-05  
 Roll Call Vote #: 2

2005 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES  
 BILL/RESOLUTION NO. ~~38~~ HB1073

Senate SENATE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee

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Legislative Council Amendment Number

Action Taken

RDP

Motion Made By

Seconded By

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Senators	Yes	No	Senators	Yes	No
CHAIRMAN HOLMBERG	/		SENATOR KRAUTER		
VICE CHAIRMAN BOWMAN	/		SENATOR LINDAAS	/	
VICE CHAIRMAN GRINDBERG	/	/	SENATOR MATHERN	/	
SENATOR ANDRIST			SENATOR ROBINSON	/	
SENATOR CHRISTMANN	/		SEN. TALLACKSON		
SENATOR FISCHER	/				
SENATOR KILZER	/				
SENATOR KRINGSTAD	/				
SENATOR SCHOBINGER	/				
SENATOR THANE					

Total (Yes)

11

No

0

Absent

4

Floor Assignment

QVA - Nelson

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)  
March 14, 2005 10:46 a.m.

Module No: SR-46-4841  
Carrier: Nelson  
Insert LC: . Title: .

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

HB 1073, as engrossed: Appropriations Committee (Sen. Holmberg, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (11 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 4 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). Engrossed HB 1073 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar.

2005 TESTIMONY

HB 1073

**TESTIMONY OF  
SPARB COLLINS  
ON  
HOUSE BILL 1073**

Mr. Chairman, members of the committee, good morning. My name is Sparb Collins and I am Executive Director of the North Dakota Public Employees Retirement System or PERS. I appear before you today on behalf of the PERS Board and in support of this bill.

HB 1073 related to the OASIS Retirement plan administered by PERS. This plan has 3 remaining survivors. The bill does the following:

- Increases the monthly benefits provided by \$26.66 each month for the next two years (2005 and 2006); and
- Requests a specific dollar amount of funding for the Plan to pay the present level of benefits and the proposed higher level of benefits.

Section 1 of the bill increases the benefit by \$26.66 per month per year (please note since the remaining members are survivors, they will get 75% of the increase or \$20 per month). This continues the history of providing benefit enhancements to members of this system similar to previous years as identified in the following table:

1967 and 1969 - \$10 increase per month for each year of the biennium  
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1975 and 1977 - \$10 increase per month for each year of the biennium  
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1985 - 1996 - \$20 increase per month for each year of the biennium  
1997 and 1998 - \$133.33 increase per month for each year of the biennium  
1999 and 2000 - \$66.66 increase per month for each year of the biennium  
2001 and 2002 - \$26.66 increase per month for each year of the biennium  
2003 and 2004 - \$26.66 increase per month for each year of the biennium

Section 2 of the bill appropriates \$19,000 from the general fund to pay benefits for 2005-2007 including the increase.

Also attached is a proposed amendment to this bill. The amendment would deposit the requested appropriation directly into the OASIS fund to pay benefits. As presently drafted the appropriation would come to PERS and we would deposit into the fund. After reviewing this closer we feel it is more direct to just appropriate it to the OASIS fund.

The provisions of this bill have been reviewed by the PERS actuary. The actuary determined that level of benefit is appropriate as long as additional funding is provided. These provisions have also been reviewed by the Legislative Employee Benefits Committee and given a favorable recommendation. The fiscal note for this bill indicates a fiscal effect of \$19,000 which includes \$2,160 to fund the benefit increase and \$16,840 to pay for the continuation of the present level of benefits for the 3 remaining members of this retirement plan. On behalf of the PERS Board I would request your favorable consideration of this bill. Mr. Chairman this concludes my testimony.



PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1073

Page 1, line 23, replace "public employees retirement system" with "old age survivors' fund"

Renumber accordingly

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TESTIMONY OF  
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ON  
ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL 1073

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