



EMPLOYEE BENEFITS PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

Tuesday, March 28, 2023
Pioneer Room, State Capitol
Bismarck, North Dakota

Representative Josh Boschee, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

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

Member absent: Representative Paul J. Thomas

Others present: See [Appendix A](#)

It was moved by Senator Bekkedahl, seconded by Representative Ruby, and carried on a voice vote that the minutes of the March 13, 2023, meeting be approved as distributed.

AMENDMENT ACTUARIAL REPORT

The committee received technical comments, actuarial information, and comments by interested persons relating to the following 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. 1309 \[23.0843.01001\]](#)**, which provide for retirement benefits for and employee contributions from peace officers employed by the Bureau of Criminal Investigation.

Ms. Rebecca Fricke, Chief Benefits Officer, Public Employees Retirement System, provided technical comments ([Appendix B](#)) and actuarial information ([Appendix C](#)) on the amendments to House Bill No. 1309.

It was moved by Senator Burckhard, seconded by Senator Mathern, and carried on a roll call vote that the committee give a favorable recommendation on the amendments to House Bill No. 1309. Representatives Boschee, Anderson, Cory, Ostlie, Ruby, and Schneider and Senators Bekkedahl, Burckhard, Dever, Mathern, and Vedaa voted "aye." Senator Roers voted "nay."

COMMITTEE WORK

Chairman Boschee noted the Chairman and Vice Chairman considered whether to take jurisdiction over House Bill No. 1539, a delayed bill that would repeal the law providing for the Employee Benefits Programs Committee, and declined to take jurisdiction of this bill because the bill did not appear to have an actuarial impact.

Mr. Scott Miller, Executive Director, Public Employees Retirement System noted there is value to the data compiled by the committee as part of the bill and amendment review process.

Ms. Jennifer S. N. Clark, Senior Counsel and Code Revisor, Legislative Council, noted the Chairman and Vice Chairman also declined to take jurisdiction over amendments to House Bill No. 1321 [\[23.0045.01007\]](#), House Bill No. 1411 [\[23.0464.01001\]](#), House Bill No. 1416 [\[23.0983.01001\]](#), House Bill No. 1501 [\[23.0865.02005\]](#), and Senate Bill No. 2164 [\[23.0536.01001\]](#).

No further business appearing, Chairman Boschee adjourned the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

Jennifer S. N. Clark
Senior Counsel and Code Revisor

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