

SENATE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT

April 30, 1999 Hearing Room C

9:45 a.m. Tapes 73

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sen. Verne Duncan, Chair

Sen. Cliff Trow, Vice-Chair

Sen. John Lim

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Sen. Marylin Shannon

Sen. Frank Shields

STAFF PRESENT: Marjorie Taylor, Administrator

Valerie Luhr, Administrative Support

MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD: SB 1110 Work Session

SB 1243 Work Session

These minutes are in compliance with Senate and House Rules. Only text enclosed in quotation marks reports a speaker's exact words. For complete contents, please refer to the tapes.

TAPE/#	Speaker	Comments
TAPE 73, A		
004	Chair Duncan	Calls the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m. Opens a work session on SB 1110.
<u>SB 1110 WORK SESSION</u>		
007	Sen. Trow	MOTION: Moves SB 1110 to the floor with a DO PASS recommendation and BE REFERRED to the committee on Rules and Elections.
		VOTE: 3-0 AYE: In a roll call vote, all members present vote Aye.

		EXCUSED: 2 - Shannon, Shields
	Chair Duncan	The motion CARRIES.
014	Chair Duncan	Closes the work session on SB 1110. Opens a work session on SB 1243.
<u>SB 1243 WORK SESSION</u>		
016	Sen. Lim	MOTION: Moves SB 1243 to the floor WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION as to passage and BE REFERRED to the committee on Rules and Elections.
020	Sen. Lim	Asks why the committee is referring the bill to Rules and Elections.
022	Chair Duncan	States the bill deals with justices of the peace as judge members of the Public Employees Retirement System (PERS).
022	Marjorie Taylor	Committee Administrator. States Sen. Ferrioli requested the referrals since the committee was unable to give the bill a hearing.
028	Sen. Trow	Asks if the PERS board has a position on the bills.
029	Steve Delaney	Manager, Government Relations, PERS. States the PERS board has heard a neutral position on SB 1243. States SB 1110 does not deal with PERS.
033	Sen. Trow	Asks what SB 1243 will do.
034	Delaney	States justices of the peace are currently general service members, and the bill would increase their benefits. Comments on how the benefits are calculated.
043	Sen. Trow	Clarifies the increase would be substantial in the retirement rate for justices of the peace.
045	Chair Duncan	Explains why he did not give the bill a hearing and that he takes full responsibility.
055	Sen. Trow	States he is not sure he can support the bill in its current form.
056	Chair Duncan	States he feels the same as Sen. Trow.
057	Sen. Lim	Expresses concern that so many are trying to get a higher level of PERS benefits.

062	Sen. Trow	Questions whether the PERS Board has any solutions.
066	Delaney	Clarifies Sen. Trow is referring to police and fire. States the board has given a generic version of what they determine to be police and fire in the PERS Board Goals. States the PERS Board would support the interim committee previously mentioned by Chair Duncan. States a possible solution would be a "public safety" membership category.
080	Chair Duncan	States he discussed the concept of an interim committee with President Adams. States he believes the committee realizes there are many inequities. Apologizes again for not holding a public hearing on the bills.
092	Sen. Lim	Comments on the need to set policies for higher levels of PERS benefits.
		VOTE: 3-0 AYE: In a roll call vote, all members present vote Aye. EXCUSED: 2 - Shannon, Shields
106	Chair Duncan	The motion CARRIES.
108	Chair Duncan	Closes the work session on SB 1243. Adjourns the meeting at 9:55 a.m.

Submitted By, Reviewed By,

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