

2013 Legislative Session

July 2013 Final Report

Listed below is the final status of the BDR's and Bills that the Retirement Board was tracking and/or took a position on during the 2013 Legislative Session. The status of the bill at the end of the session is in *red ink*. The Retirement Board's position on the bill appears in *blue ink*. All bills can be viewed on the legislature's website (www.leg.state.nv.us).

BDR #646 – Assemblyman Kirner – Makes various changes relating to the Public Employees' Retirement System. *Status: This BDR was never introduced.*

Assembly Bills:

AB 31 (BDR #211) – Requested by the Attorney General – Revises provisions related to public records. Assembly Bill 31 was prefiled and read for the first time on February 4th. The bill was referred to the Assembly Committee on Government Affairs. The committee heard the bill on February 7, 2013 and took no action. An amendment was offered by the Attorney General's Chief of Staff at the committee meeting to include PERS and JRS confidentiality statutes in the list included in the bill as they were omitted by mistake. At the Retirement Board's February 20th meeting, the Retirement Board adopted a neutral position on the bill as amended to include NRS 1A.110 and NRS 286.110(3). During the work session on March 29, 2013, the bill sponsor's amendment was adopted and the Committee amended and do passed the bill as amended. The bill received a notice of eligibility for exemption on April 5, 2013. On April 15, 2013, the bill was read a second time and amended with Amendment #202. It was then re-referred to the Assembly Committee on Ways and Means upon reprint. On April 16, 2013, the bill was declared exempt. May 17th from Committee: do pass, as amended. May 20th Read third time, passed, as amended. To Senate. May 21st in Senate, read first time. Referred to the Senate Committee on Government Affairs. May 30th from Committee: do pass. Read Second time. May 31st Read third time: passed. June 1st to enrollment. June 5th enrolled and delivered to the Governor. June 6th approved by the Governor. *Status: Approved. Board Position: Neutral.*

AB 237 (BDR #624) – Assemblyman Kirner – Adjusts the salaries of certain members of state boards and commissions. This bill was introduced and read for the first time on March 11th and referred to Concurrent Committees of the Assembly on Government Affairs and Ways and Means. The bill was heard on March 18th by the Assembly Committee on Government Affairs. No action was taken. At their March 20th meeting, the Retirement Board adopted a neutral

position on this bill. On April 5th the bill was placed on the Work Session for the Committee on Government Affairs where it was re-referred to the Assembly Committee on Ways and Means without recommendation. The bill was declared exempt on April 5th, 2013. **Status: Bill died in the Assembly Committee on Ways and Means. June 4th – no further action taken. Board Position: Neutral.**

AB 342 (BDR #193) – Assemblyman Kirner – Revises provisions governing the Public Employees’ Retirement System. This bill creates a hybrid retirement plan consisting of part defined benefit and part defined contribution for new employees hired by certain public employers on or after July 1, 2014. The bill was introduced and read for the first time on March 11th and referred to the Assembly Committee on Ways and Means. At their March 20th meeting, the Retirement Board adopted a position in opposition to this bill. On April 5th the bill was declared exempt. **Status: Bill died in the Assembly Committee on Ways and Means. June 4th – no further action taken. Board Position: Opposed.**

AB 364 (BDR #364) – Assemblymen Paul Anderson, Hansen, Duncan, Ellison, Grady, Hardy, Kirner, Oscarson and Wheeler – Revises provisions governing public officers and employees. Allows for a select group of individuals to purchase additional service credit of up to 11 additional days. The bill was introduced and read for the first time on March 18th and referred to the Assembly Committee on Government Affairs. At their March 20th meeting, the Retirement Board adopted a position in opposition to Assembly 364 as this bill provides a benefit enhancement to a select group of individuals and the Board’s Funding Policy does not allow them to support any benefit enhancements until the System is 85% funded. AB 364 was heard on March 26, 2013, which at that time the bill’s sponsor offered an amendment removing Section 2 of the bill which contained the language for the additional purchase of service provisions. There was no action taken on the bill. AB 364 was scheduled for the Committee’s work session on April 5th. The Committee amended the bill and do passed the bill as amended which removed Section 2 completely from the bill. The Committee then re-referred the bill to the Committee on Ways and Means. The bill received a notice of eligibility for exemption on April 5th. At their April 17th meeting, the Retirement Board adopted a neutral position on AB 364 as amended by Amendment #183 which removes Section 2 from the bill. The Committee re-referred the bill to the Committee on Ways and Means. The bill received a notice of eligibility for exemption. On April 15th, the bill was declared exempt. At the Retirement Board’s April 20th meeting, the Retirement Board adopted a neutral position on the 1st Reprint of AB 364. May 14th From Committee, do pass, as amended. May 16th Read third time, passed as amended. To Senate. May 17th In Senate, read first time. Referred to the Senate Committee on Government Affairs. May 23rd From Committee: do pass. Read second time. May 24th Read third time,

passed. May 27th in Assembly. May 28th to enrollment. May 31st enrolled and delivered to the Governor. June 1st Approved by the Governor, effective October 1, 2013. *Status: Approved. Board position: Neutral.*

Senate Bills:

SB 74 (BDR #603) – Requested by the Senate Committee on Government Affairs – Revises provisions related to public records. This bill was introduced and read for the first time on February 4th. The bill was referred to the Committee on Government Affairs. The bill was heard on February 20th and no action was taken. At the Retirement Board's February 20th meeting, the Retirement Board adopted a neutral position on Senate Bill 74. During the Committee's work session on April 10, 2013, the Committee amended and do passed the bill as amended. On April 17th the bill was read for the second time and amended by Amendment #255 and sent to the printer for re-print. On April 19th the bill was read for the third time and passed as amended. The bill was transmitted to the Assembly. On April 22nd, the bill was read in the Assembly for the first time and referred to the Assembly Committee on Government Affairs. A hearing was held on May 3rd, and no action was taken. On May 16th from Committee: do pass. Read second time. May 17th read third time, passed. May 18th in Senate, to enrollment. May 23rd, enrolled and delivered to the Governor. Approved by the Governor on May 23rd. Effective October 1, 2013. *Status: Approved Board position: Neutral.*

SB 201(BDR #559) – Requested by Senator Segerblom – Revises provisions governing the employment of retired public employees. This bill was introduced and read for the first time on February 28th and referred to the Senate Committee on Government Affairs. The bill was heard on March 13th and no action was taken. At the Retirement Board's March 20th meeting, the Retirement Board adopted a position in opposition to Senate Bill 201 as this bill provides a benefit enhancement and the Board's Funding Policy does not allow them to support any benefit enhancements until the System is 85% funded. During work session on April 10, 2013, the Committee amended, and do passed the bill as amended. On April 22nd, the bill was read a second time and amended. Amendment #257. The bill was re-referred to the Committee on Finance. *Status: Bill died in the Senate Committee on Finance. June 4th - no further action taken. Board position: Opposed.*

SB 463 – BDR #1-1197 – Senate Committee on Finance – Provides for the implementation of the Court of Appeals. This bill was referred to the Committee on Judiciary. SB 463 was heard on March 29, 2013 with the action of amend and do pass as amended. The bill received notice of eligibility for exemption on April 4, 2013. At their April 17th Retirement

Board meeting, the Retirement Board adopted a neutral position on Senate Bill 463. On April 19th, the bill was read a second time and amended. Amendment #102. At their April 20th Retirement Board meeting, the Retirement Board adopted a neutral position on Senate Bill 463. On April 22, the bill was declared exempt and re-referred to the Committee on Finance. May 16th From Committee: do pass, as amended. May 21st Read third time, passed as amended. May 22nd In Assembly, read first time. Referred to the Assembly Committee on Judiciary. May 27th From Committee: do pass. Read second time. May 28th Read third time: passed. May 29th In Senate, to enrollment. June 1st enrolled and delivered to the Governor. Approved by the Governor. This act becomes effective on January 1, 2015, if Senate Joint Resolution No. 14 of the 76th Session of the Nevada Legislature is agreed to and passed by the 2013 Legislature and approved and ratified by the voters at the 2014 Election. **Status:** *Approved.* **Board position:** *Neutral.*

The Nevada Legislature is now in its interim period.