

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE PENSIONS & BENEFITS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mitch Holmes at 9:01 a.m. on January 25, 2012, in Room 142-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Gordon Self, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
David Wiese, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Julian Efird, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Michael Steiner, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Darla Conner, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Doug Schmitt, Kansas Firefighters Association
Faith Loretto, KPERS
Representative Scott Schwab
Elizabeth B.A. Miller, CFA, Acting Executive Director & Chief Investment Officer KPERS
Doug Mayes, Member of the Board of Trustees of KPERS

Others attending:

See attached list.

Hearing continued on:

HB 2263 – Increased employee contributions for KP&F members and removal of maximum retirement benefit provision

The Chairman reopened the hearing on **HB 2263**.

Proponents:

Doug Schmitt, Kansas Firefighters Association, (Attachment 1), gave testimony before the committee in support of **HB 2263**.

Ed Klumpp, Kansas Association of Police Chiefs, Kansas Sheriffs Association, and Kansas Peace Officers Association, (Attachment 2), presented written testimony to the committee in support of **HB 2263**.

Discussion followed.

Hearing closed on **HB 2263**.

Hearing on:

HB 2460 – Removing first year employer contribution rate for KPERS affiliated employers and allowing for KPERS employers to affiliate for either prior and future service or future service only

Gordon Self, Office of the Revisor of Statutes provided an overview of **HB 2460**.

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The minutes of the House Pensions & Benefits Committee at 9:01 a.m. on January 25, 2012, in Room 142-S of the Capitol.

The Chairman reopened the hearing on **HB 2460**.

Proponents:

Faith Loretto, KPERS, (Attachment 3), presented testimony provided by Elizabeth B.A. Miller, CFA, Acting Executive Director & Chief Investment Officer KPERS in support of **HB 2460**. Along with the favorable consideration of this bill, KPERS counsel, Lauri McKinnon requested a vehicle for the addition of technical provisions for compliance with the Internal Revenue Code.

Hearing closed on **HB 2460**.

Hearing on:

HB 2411 – Investment standards and divestment procedures for KPERS related to Iran

Gordon Self, Office of the Revisor of Statutes provided an overview of **HB 2411**.

The Chairman reopened the hearing on **HB 2411**.

Committee discussion.

Proponents:

Representative Scott Schwab, (Attachment 4), appeared before the committee in support of **HB 2411**.

Discussion followed.

Neutrals:

Elizabeth B.A. Miller, CFA, Acting Executive Director & Chief Investment Officer KPERS, (Attachment 5), presented testimony before the committee in a neutral position on **HB 2411**.

Doug Mayes, Member of the Board of Trustees of KPERS, (no written testimony), appeared before the committee in a neutral position on **HB 2411**.

Hearing closed on **HB 2411**.

Hearing on:

HB 2461 – Raising the amount of annual alternative investments within the total amount of assets of the KPERS fund

David Wiese, Office of the Revisor of Statutes, gave an overview of **HB 2461**.

The Chairman reopened the hearing on **HB 2461**.

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Proponents:

Elizabeth B.A. Miller, CFA, Acting Executive Director & Chief Investment Officer KPERS, (Attachment 6), gave testimony before the committee in support of **HB 2461**.

Doug Mayes, Member of the Board of Trustees of KPERS, (no written testimony), appeared before the committee in support of **HB 2461**.

Discussion followed.

Hearing closed on **HB 2461**.

Representative Grange gave an update on the Sub-Committee.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 30, 2012.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m.