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ISSUE: PROTECT YOUR PENSION!

The Legislative Commission on Pensions and Retirement just posted a draft of their pension [bill](#) along with a staff [memo](#) summarizing the bill. It will be heard at 5:30 p.m. tonight (Monday, May 8) in Room 123 of the State Capitol. Public testimony will be taken on this bad proposal.

The proposed changes are harmful to public workers in the MSRS and PERA plans. The bill:

- Includes only a 1% cost of living adjustment (COLA) for 5 years and 1.5% thereafter. The Governor and MSRS Board propose a 1.5% COLA.
- Increases the employer contribution rates .75% from 5.5% to 6.25% phased in over 2 years and the employee contribution rates are phased in over 2 years to 6%. The Governor and MSRS Board propose a total of 2.25% employer increase phased in over different schedules.
- Negatively changes the augmentation rates for both deferred and active members. The bill also contains additional provisions of concern for MSRS, PERA and TRA.

Please call [commission members](#) right away. Tell them to oppose the LCPR proposal and to support the Governor's pension proposal.

Senate members: Chair Julie Rosen (651-296-5713), Sandy Pappas (651-296-1802), Gary Dahms (651-296-8138), Dan Schoen (651-297-8060), John Jasinski (651-296-0284), Warren Limmer (651-296-2159) and David Senjem (651-296-3903).

House members: Vice Chair Tim O'Driscoll (651-296-7808), Tony Albright (651-296-5185), Sarah Anderson (651-296-5511), Roz Peterson (651-296-5387), Bob Vogel (651-296-7065), Mary Murphy (651-296-2676) and Paul Thissen (651-296-5375).