

# Fiscal Note

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Bill Version: HB 152  
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Identifier: HB152-DOA-DRB-4-03-13  
Title: PERS TERMINATION COSTS  
Sponsor: THOMPSON  
Requester: House Labor & Commerce

Department: Department of Administration  
Appropriation: Centralized Administrative Services  
Allocation: Retirement and Benefits  
OMB Component Number: 64

## Expenditures/Revenues

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below. (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY2014	Included in	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
	Appropriation Requested	Governor's FY2014 Request	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019
<b>OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>FY 2014</b>	<b>FY 2014</b>					
Personal Services							
Travel							
Services							
Commodities							
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits							
Miscellaneous	6,772.0		6,481.0	6,710.0	6,950.0	7,202.0	7,462.0
<b>Total Operating</b>	<b>6,772.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>6,481.0</b>	<b>6,710.0</b>	<b>6,950.0</b>	<b>7,202.0</b>	<b>7,462.0</b>

## Fund Source (Operating Only)

1004 Gen Fund	6,772.0		6,481.0	6,710.0	6,950.0	7,202.0	7,462.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,772.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>6,481.0</b>	<b>6,710.0</b>	<b>6,950.0</b>	<b>7,202.0</b>	<b>7,462.0</b>

## Positions

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

<b>Change in Revenues</b>							
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Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2013) cost: 0.0

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2014) cost: 0.0

## ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS

Does the bill direct, or will the bill result in, regulation changes adopted by your agency? Yes  
If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? 07/01/13

## Why this fiscal note differs from previous version:

Initial version
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## FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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### Analysis

HB152 will change how the cost for termination of employees, groups, department, or classification of employees from the PERS Defined Benefit Plan (PERS DB) will be borne by PERS employers and the State. This bill will establish a sliding scale to determine the allocation of termination costs between the PERS employer and the State. Under this bill, the State would pay 20% of the cost for termination if the employer has an annual payroll more than \$5 million, 50% of the cost for termination if the employer has an annual payroll between \$1 million and \$5 million, and 100% of the cost for termination if the employer has an annual payroll less than \$1 million. Currently, the PERS employer pays all the cost for termination.

Employer rates for the PERS are set in statute at 22% of salary and cannot be increased. The costs associated with this bill would be borne by the State under AS39.35.280 which requires the State to make up any payments to the plan that exceed the PERS employer contributions to sufficiently pay the plan's past service liability for each fiscal year.

Buck Consultants, the PERS actuarial consultant, has calculated the financial effects if this bill should pass. In this analysis Buck assumes that PERS employers will eliminate 20% of their active PERS employees from participation in PERS. Additional information regarding the development of the estimates are included in Buck's March 28, 2013 attached letter.

March 28, 2013

**VIA EMAIL**

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**RE: Fiscal Note for PERS Amending Termination Cost under HB 152**

Dear Jim:

As requested, we are providing the following information for the fiscal note on HB 152, which bases costs for termination of employees or groups of employees from participation in PERS on the payroll for active employees of an employer in the State of Alaska Public Employees' Retirement System Defined Benefit Plan (PERS DB). Under HB 152, the State would charge 80% of the cost of termination to the employer if they have an annual payroll of more than \$5,000,000, 50% of the cost if the employer has an annual payroll between \$1,000,000 and \$5,000,000, and there would be no termination cost for employers with payroll less than \$1,000,000. Under current law, employers pay all termination costs. Total FY12 salaries provided by Kathy Lea at the Department of Retirement and Benefits were used to determine the current annual payroll for each employer.

We have assumed that the State will absorb any termination cost that is not charged to the employers. We have also assumed that the employers who withdraw from the PERS DB Plan will only pay the 22% capped rate on a portion of the salaries of the eliminated positions. This portion is equal to 80% if they have an annual payroll of more than \$5,000,000, 50% if the employer has an annual payroll between \$1,000,000 and \$5,000,000, and no cost for employers with payroll less than \$1,000,000. This bill affects the PERS DB plan. Our results are based on the draft 2012 actuarial valuation results.

The table below shows the estimated cost of the bill for Fiscal Years 2014 through 2019 if 20% of employees of non-State entities were to terminate participation in PERS. Dollars are in thousands.

<b>PERS DB Plan</b>	<b>FY14</b>	<b>FY15</b>	<b>FY16</b>	<b>FY17</b>	<b>FY18</b>	<b>FY19</b>
Increase in Past Service Cost Payment due to Retroactivity	\$511	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Increase in Past Service Cost Payment due to Lower Salaries from employees leaving PERS	\$5,526	\$5,726	\$5,933	\$6,148	\$6,371	\$6,601
Increase in Contribution Payment due to earlier benefit commencement for terminated employees	\$735	\$755	\$777	\$802	\$831	\$861
<b>Total Increase in Annual State Contribution Amount</b>	<b>\$6,772</b>	<b>\$6,481</b>	<b>\$6,710</b>	<b>\$6,950</b>	<b>\$7,202</b>	<b>\$7,462</b>

### Summary for Analysis Continuation Section of Fiscal Note

The assumptions, plan provisions and methods used for the DB plan costs are described in the draft actuarial valuation report as of June 30, 2012. The assets are based on the June 30, 2012 information provided by Christina Maiquis. We have assumed that all non-State employers will withdraw from the PERS DB Plan. The cost associated with the retroactivity of this bill was calculated by the Department of Retirement and Benefits and was provided to us by Kathy Lea. We have assumed that the bill will become effective July 1, 2013. The population consists of non-State governmental entities which represents 37% of the current active population.

The annual costs to the State for absorbing termination costs previously paid by the non-State entities assume that 20% of all eligible employees are removed from participation in PERS. Actual costs are dependent on the extent to which employers terminate employees from participation in PERS.

The table below summarizes the estimated change in the draft unfunded accrued liability as of June 30, 2012 due to the costs absorbed by the State. Dollars are in thousands. The unfunded liability increases for the liability for future pension and medical payments.

<b>PERS DB Plan</b>	<b>Current DB Plan</b>	<b>DB Plan After Change</b>	<b>Change</b>
Accrued Liability	\$ 19,292,361	\$ 19,318,153	\$ 25,792
Actuarial Value of Assets	11,832,030	11,832,030	0
Total Unfunded Accrued Liability	\$ 7,460,331	\$ 7,486,123	\$ 25,792

Please let us know if you need any further information.

Sincerely,



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