

**SENATE BILL NO. 55**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY SENATOR STEDMAN

Introduced: 1/24/25

Referred: Labor and Commerce, Finance

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1   **"An Act relating to employer contributions in the teachers' retirement system; relating**  
2   **to supplemental employee benefits; and providing for an effective date."**

3   **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

4    \* **Section 1.** AS 14.25.070(a) is amended to read:

5           (a) Each employer shall contribute to the system every payroll period an  
6           amount calculated by applying a rate of **14.56** [12.56] percent to the total of all base  
7           salaries paid by the employer to active members of the system and to members who  
8           are retired from the plan and reemployed under AS 14.20.136, including any  
9           adjustments to contributions required by AS 14.25.173(a).

10   \* **Sec. 2.** AS 14.25.350(a) is amended to read:

11           (a) An employer shall contribute to each member's individual account an  
12           amount equal to **nine** [SEVEN] percent of the member's compensation from July 1 to  
13           the following June 30.

14   \* **Sec. 3.** AS 39.30.170(a) is amended to read:

(a) An employer in either the teachers' retirement system (AS 14.25) or the public employees' retirement system (AS 39.35) that does not participate in the federal social security system shall [MAY] become a participating employer in the employee benefits program under AS 39.30.150 - 39.30.180 [, IF

(1) THE EMPLOYER PARTICIPATES AS AN EMPLOYER IN THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM UNDER AS 39.35; AND

(2) THE EMPLOYER

(A) IS ELIGIBLE FOR MEMBERSHIP IN BUT HAS NEVER ELECTED TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE FEDERAL SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM; OR

(B) WITHDRAWS FROM MEMBERSHIP IN THE FEDERAL SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM].

\* **Sec. 4.** AS 39.30.180(3) is amended to read:

(3) "participating employer" means

(A) the State of Alaska; [AND]

(B) an employer who

(i) [WHO] is an employer as defined in AS 14.25.220, 14.25.590, AS 39.35.680, or 39.35.990; and

(ii) does not participate [WHO HAS NEVER PARTICIPATED IN OR HAS WITHDRAWN FROM PARTICIPATION] in the federal social security system [; AND

(iii) WHOSE PARTICIPATION IN THE SUPPLEMENTAL EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PROGRAM HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE COMMISSIONER].

\* **Sec. 5.** This Act takes effect July 1, 2025.