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Example- If one is receiving a \$20000.00/ year PERS or TRS retirement, one will at least get inflation proofing at 50% at 60 and 75% at 65. Without the Ad hoc 100% and assuming one is 60, at a 3.5%* inflation rate over 30 years your \$20000.00 will be worth about 65% or \$13,000.00/ year in current buying power. With the Ad Hoc it could be worth \$20000.00 as long as a Commissioner chose to exercise the PRPA provision consistently. SB141 passage definitely diminishes Tier I.

Ms. Lea stated this is something she explains frequently to retirees.

* This is assumed slightly high, but pragmatic given the current U.S. debt structure due to war and the current application of Keynesian economic tax structure:

Flaw in reasoning- The 105% requirement places the burden upon the most senior retirees. Society does not expect persons in their high seventies and eighties to return to work to replace what they were promised and lost. The law informed them they were to be inflation proofed.

The insertion of 105% is most cynical in its very nature. By the nature of the 105% amendment it places the burden of the current under fund of the PERS/TRS Trust upon innocent and vulnerable people because of the years for it to take effect.

The law makers who are responsible will not be forgotten; however it is quite apparent that many did not know the full effect of the 105% amendment upon senior retirees.

Between 1997 and by 2002 my limited records indicate the ad hoc provision protected retired state employees from the erosion of a total about 15% of their annual pension income. A retiring employee at age 60 can expect to lose 30% of their pension by the time they are 80.

I strongly suggest you amend this assault upon them through this insidious but very real diminishment.

Request and Resolution— Please restore the former status of AS 14.25.143 (a) in HB 175.

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March 6, 2006

RE: HB 475 and Related Issues

Representative Seaton and House State Affairs Members,

I am greatly concerned at the need for such legislation as HB 475. Except for the foresight of some concerned legislators who voted to delay implementation near the end of session last year, we would now be trying to run state government according to SB 141. Why was due care not taken before passing SB 141? Was there no analysis done of this legislation before it passed? Did anyone do any research into why some states that had switched to the Defined Contribution system decide to go back to a Defined Benefit system? I have read some statements that Defined Contribution systems cost so much to run that there were no savings by changing from the Defined Benefit system.

If SB 141 were now in force our whole mechanism for operating state government would be in trouble. Since it does not meet IRS regulations, would it also have jeopardized federal funding which is so important to Alaska as well?

Legislators have insisted that pre SB 141 retirees would stand to lose none of their retirement benefits, stating that retirees were "bulletproof." That was the terminology used. When asked to confirm the meaning of the phrase in SB 141 which states that "the financial condition of the fund would only permit an increase in benefits when the ratio of total fund assets to the accrued liability meets or exceeds 105 percent," it was learned that those in the old system are indeed affected. This makes it seem clear that retirees will no longer have any inflation proofing and the retirement benefits of PERS/TRS retirees would steadily lose value over the years.

For the above reasons, I ask that you take more time to work on problems and pass

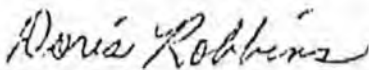
legislation such as Senator Kim Elton's SB 293. This would postpone implementation until July 1, 2008, and allow time to work carefully and be certain that SB 141 meets all regulations and does not affect previous constitutionally guaranteed benefits or cause federal legal problems.

What I am observing is that the whole legislature is focused on oil and tax legislation, with good reason. We sure don't want mistakes with oil and gas legislation as it would be even more difficult to make corrections when dealing with corporate giants.

I fear that HB 475 will only compound present problems. Changes by HB 475 must be assured not to conflict in some unknown manner, creating even more problems with SB 141. In addition, it seems foolish to rush to pass more legislation affecting the retirement system until the new actuarial reports are in and have been analyzed to confirm the real status of the current system. How can you know contribution rates are accurate?

Please consider your actions and do not compound the current errors in SB 141 with new, unanalyzed changes which are made in haste without the benefit of the full data from the new actuarial report which only becomes available after session end.

Sincerely,


Doris Robbins

PERS/TRS Retiree
Retired Public Employees of Alaska
Legislative Committee Chair

cc: Representative Gatto
Representative Elkins
Representative Lynn
Representative Ramras
Representative Gardner
Representative Gruenberg

Louie Flora

From: POMS@legis.state.ak.us
Sent: Monday, March 06, 2006 10:03 PM
To: Louie Flora
Subject: New Pom:HB 475 Pub Employee & Teacher Retirement & Sbs

Darwin Walter Jr
2330 Scarborough Dr

Anchorage 99504-3352,

Please do not pass HB 475. The implementation of SB 141 needs to be delayed (2 yrs. re: SB 293) until it is appropriately re-drafted to respond to new information and more thoughtful consideration of its long term consequences.

Louie Flora

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Please drop HB 175 PERS/TERS Fix Bill, and move SB 293 Delaying implementation of SB 141 for two more years.

To the Senate ...please schedule SB 293.

More thought is needed on SB 141 and shouldn't be rushed.

HB 475 full content isn't available yet...no time to digest.



Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Finance Committee name

Committee on HB 475 Retirement, dated April 18, 2006
Bill/Subject

Please reconsider and postpone a decision on the implementation of (SB #141) until July of 2008.

Continue public hearings, serious investigations including all groups that will be impacted. There needs to be across the board planning that will be of mutual benefit to all groups of State and Public employees.

Signed: Margaret Bouyouy
Testifier

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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Finance
Committee name

Committee on HB 475 Retirement, dated April 18, 2006
Bill/Subject

^{Amend and}
Please delay the implementation of Senate Bill 441 until 2008. The bill is short-sighted and undermines the retirement of all state employees. Think of the future of these retirees.

Signed: Virginia Lawton
Testifier

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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Finance
Committee name

Committee on HB 475 Retirement, dated April 18, 2006
Bill/Subject

Please delay Senate Bill #141
Please use \$\$ allocations properly
(from oil revenues)

Please throw everything out till
2008 and then start over with
something that makes sense

Signed: Wendy Cole
Testifier

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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Finance
 Committee name
 Committee on HB 475 Retirement, dated April 18, 2006
 Bill/Subject

Public employees need to know their retirement is secure. Please amend and postpone enacting SB 141 until July 2008. This allows time for research into a more equitable retirement system.

Signed: Cynthia Jacobs
 Testifier

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Signed: EVA PARSONS
 Testifier

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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Finance
Committee name

Committee on HB 475 Retirement, dated April 18, 2006
Bill/Subject

HB 475 a clean-up bill? Give me a break! A bill with 60-80 amendments of its own so not a bill; it's a joke. Bury this bill, bury SB141, and support SB 293 so we have a chance to look at the PERS/TRS systems and derive a solution that will bring teachers to Alaska - not chase them away. Right now we have oil at \$70 a barrel and over \$4 Billion in the P-Fund more than we had pre 9/11. We even have an enormous fund surplus.

It being short-sighted and ruining Alaska's future. Lead, follow, or get the hell out of the way.

Signed: Dewayne E. Joehnk
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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Finance
Committee name

Committee on HB 475 Retirement, dated April 18, 2006
Bill/Subject

Please ~~cancel~~ postpone and amend implementation
of ~~SB 141~~ until July 2008.
SB 141

Please wait until you have more information -
We need to recruit & retain our employees - these
amendments will encourage short-term employment
possibilities -

Signed: Suzanne Benson
Testifier

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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Finance
Committee name

Committee on HB 475 Retirement, dated April 18, 2006
Bill/Subject

Please support House Bill 475 to amend and delay implementation of Senate Bill 141 until July of 2008. As public officials you are bound to hear, listen to, and act according to the people who elected you. Listen to the public, listen to teachers and the people who keep our society.

Signed: Jill Hunter
Legislator

Self
Representing (Optional)

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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Finance
Committee name

Committee on HB 475 Retirement, dated April 18, 2006
Bill/Subject

It is despicable that some in the legislature hold the funding of the education of our children hostage in trying to force a non-compliance of the constitutionally mandated funding of public employee's retirement.

Please use more wisdom and logic in your work. Pass HB 475 to amend and delay implementation of SB 141 until July '08 so that you all can get all the correct data

Signed: EVA PARSONS
Testifier

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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Finance
Committee name

Committee on HB 475 Retirement, dated April 18, 2006
Bill/Subject

Please! If you could delay the implementation of SB141 until July 2008, it would give some TIME for our union to have input and hopefully come up with a BETTER OPTION.

Education has to be a bigger priority in our state, and must be protected + supported.

Signed: Alison Woodings
Testifier

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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Finance
Committee name

Committee on HB 475 Retirement, dated April 18, 2006
Bill/Subject

Please delay implementation of Senate Bill 141
until 2008 and amend it - Support
HB 475 - you haven't heard enough to know
what the negative effects will be. We must
further examine these plans and replace them
with a decent retirement system - we feel
that this Bill was forced upon legislators.
This is not the way to recruit and
maintain a stable work force.

Signed: Jane Desnoyers
Testifier

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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the HOUSE FINANCE
Committee name

Committee on HB 475 RETIREMENT, dated APRIL 19, 2006
Bill/Subject

PLEASE DELAY IMPLEMENTATION OF
SB 141 UNTIL JULY 2008. SB141 NEEDS
MORE WORK AND MUCH MORE DELIBERATION
THIS BILL CANNOT BE RUSHED THROUGH.
SLOW DOWN THE PROCESS, TAKE MORE
INPUT AND LISTEN TO THE THOUSANDS
OF EMPLOYEES WHO ARE THE STAKEHOLDERS.

Signed: Nathleen J. Summers
Testifier

Mat-su Education Association
Representing (Optional)

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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Finance
Committee name

Committee on HB 475 Retirement, dated April 18, 2006
Bill/Subject

*Please delay ^{implementation} ~~passage~~ of SB141
until ~~a more concise plan~~
July 2008
~~can be developed.~~*

Signed: WEDRA OLSON Nekeva M Olson
Testifier

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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Finance
Committee name

Committee on HB 475 Retirement, dated April 18, 2006
Bill/Subject

*** PLEASE SUPPORT ^{AN AMMENDMENT} TO HB475 TO CLEAN UP THE RETIREMENT PLAN. ANY DELAY SO OTHER OPTIONS ARE LOOKED INTO WILL HELP US ALL.**

Signed: Kathleen R. Jones
Testifier

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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Finance
Committee name

Committee on HB 475 Retirement, dated April 18, 2006
Bill/Subject

I would like you to support Beth
K. Hill's amendment to delay implementation
of Senate Bill 141 until July 2008 so that
there can be further review.

Thank you

Signed: Gaith Hundley
Testifier

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Address

Phone number



Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Finance
Committee name

Committee on HB 475 Retirement, dated April 18, 2006
Bill/Subject

Please delay implementing Senate Bill 141 to July 2008. Please support a retirement system that would prosper for public employees and not bankrupt the system for future teacher + public employees. Therefore, preventing a mass exodus of qualified employees and people contributing to our state's economy.

Signed: Miranda Wilson
Testifier

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Representing (Optional)

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Phone number



Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Finance
Committee name

Committee on HB 475 Retirement, dated April 18, 2006
Bill/Subject

To whom it may concern: Please consider and accept HB 475. I feel that it will help amend and delay SB 141. This is too big of an issue that will affect current & future retirees.

Signed: Michael M. Ripke
Testifier

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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Finance
Committee name

Committee on HB 475 Retirement, dated April 18, 2006
Bill/Subject

Honorable Legislators,

I am requesting you to delay^{implementation of} SB 141 for two years, while the errors and violations in it are remedied.

I want a fair form of retirement so that I may ~~retire~~ retire with dignity. I want a secure pension, with medical and disability care needs guaranteed till I die, with cost of living increases, so that I may not be a burden on the state.

Signed: Linda Storde
Testifier

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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Finance
 Committee name
 Committee on HB 475 Retirement, dated April 18, 2006
 Bill/Subject

Please delay the implementation of SB141 until July 2008. Please support Beth Kertulla's amendment to the bill. Take the time to make the retirement system work for both the state and the public employees. Both deserve to have a retirement system that works for everyone.

Signed:

P. J. Stahl
 Testifier

Pamela J. Stahl

Representing (Optional)

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376-3675
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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Finance
Committee name

Committee on HB 475 Retirement, dated April 18, 2006
Bill/Subject

Please delay implementation of §B141 until July 2008. Please support Beth Kertolla's amendment to the bill. Take the time to make the retirement system work for both the state and the public employees. Both deserve to have a retirement system that works for everyone.

Signed: Sherayl L. Scott
Testifier

Representing (Optional)

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907-745-5922
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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Finance
 Committee name
 Committee on HB 475 Retirement, dated April 18, 2006
 Bill/Subject

Please support Sen. Kotulla's amendment to HB 475. ~~SB 141~~ needs to be changed so please delay implementation of this bill. Public Employees need to have a defined pension/benefit. Please don't destroy the defined benefit plan.

Signed:

Deborah Nector Deborah Nector
 Testifier

Representing (Optional)

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 Address

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 Phone number



Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Finance
Committee name

Committee on HB 475 Retirement, dated April 18, 2006
Bill/Subject

Please delay Senate Bill 1411 for two years to allow time to provide a quality, competitive retirement plan for public sector employees. Alaska must have a system that attracts quality educators and other public employees to our state.

Signed: *Samuel Wood*
Testifier

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Address

Phone number



Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Finance
Committee name

Committee on HB 475 Retirement dated April 18, 2006
Bill/Subject

Please support an ammendment
to delay implementation of SB141
for 2 years in order to take the
time needed to provide retirement
@ shanty!

Signed: Julie Rose
Testifier
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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Finance
Committee name

Committee on HB 475 Retirement, dated April 18, 2006
Bill/Subject

Please delay implementation of SB141, please support Representative Kertula's amendment.

Signed Elizabeth Crawley (Elizabeth Crawley) Elizabeth Crawley
Testifier

Representing (Optional)

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Phone number



Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Finance
Committee name

Committee on HB 475 Retirement, dated April 18, 2006
Bill/Subject

Please delay implementation of Senate Bill 141. Please support the amendment of Ms. Kertula to delay until 2008. Public employees deserve a retirement that will work for all.

Signed: Jane McDiven
Testifier

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Address

761-4119
Phone number



Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Finance
Committee name

Committee on HB 475 Retirement, dated April 18, 2006
Bill/Subject

HB 475. Please consider amending and accelerating
the implementation of the bill SB#141
initial July 2008.

Sincerely,

Signed: Cassi Lulich
Testifier

None
Representing (Optional)

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376-4731
Phone number



Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Finance
Committee name

Committee on HB 475 Retirement, dated April 18, 2006
Bill/Subject

I am very concerned that passage of this legislation is hasty. Please seriously consider delaying the implementation of SB 141

Signed: *Lincoln S. Hill*
Testifier

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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Finance
Committee name

Committee on HB 475 Retirement, dated April 18, 2006
Bill/Subject

Please - HB 475:

Amend and delay implementation
of SB141 until July 2008

Thank you

Signed: Krista Klever
Testifier

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907-746-2472
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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Finance
Committee name

Committee on HB 475 Retirement, dated April 18, 2006
Bill/Subject

Please delay this bill until 2008

Signed: Linda Derewenko
Testifier

Representing (Optional)

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907-326-6213
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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Finance
Committee name

Committee on HB 475 Retirement, dated April 18, 2006

Bill/Subject Please amend HB 475 regarding SB 141.

Please reconsider to delay implementing SB 141 until July 2008. With a budget surplus of \$1.4 Billion dollars, why is this budget issue even being considered? Why does the state not return ~~to~~^{to} fulfilling the Alaska Constitutional mandate of fully funding the State of Alaska Pension funds with the original 1/3 funding formula from the state would quickly correct this budgeting error

Signed: Daniel F. Davis
Testifier

self

Representing (Optional)

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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Finance Committee name

Committee on HB 475 Retirement, dated April 18, 2006
Bill/Subject

hb475

Please amend and delay implementation of h.b. 141 until 2008. I suspect the bill is dangerously short-sighted.

- or throw it all out until you have figured out a mutually beneficial plan and have studied effects of new legislation.

Signed: Mary Kay Flynn
Testifier

Myself
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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Finance
Committee name

Committee on HB 475 Retirement, dated April 18, 2006
Bill/Subject

Please delay the implementation of SB 141 until July 2008, it would give some time for our union to have input and hopefully come up with a BETTER OPTION.

Education needs to be a bigger priority in our state.

Signed:

Quinn Morris

Testifier

Representing (Optional)

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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Finance
 Committee name
 Committee on HB 475 Retirement, dated April 18, 2006
 Bill/Subject

Please amend and delay
 ↓ ↓
 implementing hb 475 and Sb 141
 until 2008!

Sb141 was put through in a
 rush last year and was short-sighted
 at the very least!

Signed: Fred L. Steer
 Testifier

myself
 Representing (Optional)

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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Finance
Committee name

Committee on HB 475 Retirement, dated April 18, 2006
Bill/Subject

Delay Senate Bill 141.

Signed: Stacy Sprague
Testifier

Representing (Optional)

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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Finance
 Committee name
 Committee on HB 475 Retirement, dated April 18, 2006
 Bill/Subject

*Please reconsider and postpone
 a decision on (SB #141) until July of
 or implementation of
 2008.*

*There needs to be some serious
 investigation and planning that
 will be mutually beneficial
 for Both the State & Public
 employees.*

Signed:

Gina Auldridge
 Verifier

Myself
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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Finance Committee name

Committee on HB 475 Retirement Bill/Subject, dated April 18, 2006

*Consider & vote to delay implementation
of Senate Bill 141
for 2 years
Thank you*

Signed: *Sara J. Amis*
Testifier

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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Finance
Committee name

Committee on HB 475 Retirement, dated April 18, 2006
Bill/Subject

Please delay consideration of this bill until 2008 so that other options can be explored. It is my sincere belief that the current proposal will be devastating to Alaska's educational system.

Signed: David A. Stoddard Danielle Stoddard
Testifier

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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Finance
Committee name

Committee on HB 475 Retirement, dated April 18, 2006
Bill/Subject

Please delay the implementation of this bill
until other options can be explored.

Signed: Debrah R. Kemp Debrah Kemp
Testifier

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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Finance
Committee name

Committee on HB 475 Retirement, dated April 18, 2006
Bill/Subject

I'm strongly opposed to current SB 141. Assumptions that were made in support of this bill have not been proven to be accurate. will not solve the retirement liability problem. HR 475 needs to address the need for extra time to review different options to a defined benefit retirement plan for public employees instead of creating a defined contribution plan.

Signed: Joe R. Irvine Joe R. Irvine
Testifier

Palmer High Teacher
Representing (Optional)

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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Finance
Committee name

Committee on HB 475 Retirement, dated April 18, 2006
Bill/Subject

I would like you to delay implementation of HB475 (SB141) for at least 2 years. This will provide the time for sincere and in-depth research to "tweak" our public retirement system to make it cost effective. HB475 will cost the state more than the present system. The present system does need work, but HB475 in its present form will adversely affect over 100,000 Alaskans in the public sector, as well as all Alaskans, monetarily. Thank you.

Signed: Jennifer L. Dalby Jennifer L. Dalby
Testifier

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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Finance
Committee name

Committee on HB 475 Retirement, dated April 18, 2006
Bill/Subject

Repeal the law or delay the
implementation for another 2 years
to do some work on it.

Signed: Margot Henderson
Testifier

Teacher
Representing (Optional)

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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Finance
Committee name

Committee on HB 475 Retirement dated April 18, 2006
Bill/Subject

Please consider and vote
to delay for two years SB141 or
replace SB 141 with a
plan that provides a retirement
with dignity for public
employees.

Signed: Kim C. Bay Kim Bay
Testifier

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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Finance
Committee name

Committee on HB 475 Retirement, dated April 18, 2006
Bill/Subject

I would like to and want you to
Repeal, vote down or at least delay
The implementation of SB 141!

~~So~~ So I support an amendment
to HB 475 that delays implementation
of SB 141! This is bad for education,
kids, and our communities!

Signed: Gregory D. Fullmer — Gregory D. Fullmer
Testified

Representing (Optional)

1100 Hecker Dr. Palmer, AK. 99645

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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Finance
Committee name

Committee on HB 475 Retirement dated April 18, 2006

Dear Honorable Sirs: ^{Bill/Subject} I support an amendment to HB 475 that will delay implementation of SB141.

As a lifetime resident of the State of Alaska, please enter my comments into the public record, I have swept sidewalks, cleaned homes, served you in restaurants, maintained your safety as Airline Personnel, sold you cars and trucks, commercially fished for your food, sold you clothes in retail and now I represent you as a teacher in the state of Alaska. I have held many jobs but teaching is what I love. I teach children in Palmer High School. I have taught children in Mountain Village, Pilot Station, Anchorage, Houston (AK), and Palmer. I can't have my full social security from my prior employer (before teaching) ~~and now~~ due to GPO and WEP. Now you are taking away all I have left - my Teacher's Retirement. I can't live on what you will leave me with; thus I will have to leave the state. At retirement age my son will be college aged. I'm also a single mom.

Signed: Donna M. Hickle
Testifier

Donna H. Hickle Matanuska-Susitna Borough School District
Representing (Optional) Teacher

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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Finance
Committee name

Committee on HB 475 Retirement, dated April 18, 2006
Bill/Subject

For the sake of public education in Alaska, I urge you to delay the implementation of SB141 by two years or repeal it in its entirety! The system of Retirement will not stop losing \$ w/ SB141. Give the TRS/PERS Board time to look at Hybrid plans that could fix the system. IF SB141 passes, Alaska will cease to attract Quality Teachers + peace officers!

Signed: William J. Siedler
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Alaska State Legislature

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Committee name

Committee on HB 475 Retirement, dated April 18, 2006
Bill/Subject

SB141 is a flawed bill that does not solve the current problem of inaction and waste funding by the legislature. This bill only exacerbates the current funding short fall. SB141 should be repealed immediately.

Signed: Steve Cook
Testifier

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Alaska State Legislature

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Committee name

Committee on HB 475 Retirement, dated April 18, 2006
Bill/Subject

I urge you to delay implementation of HB 475 for two more years to allow time for a reasonable and more cost-effective solution to Public Retirement System problems to be reached.

Please support Beth Kertula's amendment to HB 475.

Paul Morley

Signed:

Testifier

State of Alaska teachers, other public employees, and state
Representing (Optional)

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Alaska State Legislature

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Committee name

Committee on HB 475 Retirement, dated April 18, 2006
Bill/Subject

I would like to ask you to repeal SB 141, or at the very least, vote for the amendment to delay implementation of SB 141 for two years. SB 141 will cost the state more money and is bad for education all the way around.

Signed: Francine Long
Testifier

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Alaska State Legislature

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Committee name

Committee on HB 475 Retirement dated April 18, 2006
Bill/Subject

Please delay implementation of this bill. It does regard as
watts, cuts more ^{than the existing system} and will tend to degrade public service in Alaska.
A 2-year delay, and subsequent review of the plan will hurt
nothing and could do tremendous good for Alaska. It would be
best if this bill is repealed immediately, and mayb the Administrations
that has tried to force the bill through have not enough credibility
for an immediate repeal.

The loss of pens and TRS will devastate
10's of thousands of hardworking public employees. It will
eliminate a large pool of capital from the state, and end
up costing the state in every thing touched by the bill

Signed: (Andrew Fournier)
Testime.

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Alaska State Legislature

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Committee name

Committee on HB 475 Retirement dated April 18, 2006
Bill/Subject

Please delay ~~the~~ ~~the~~ implementation of this bill. (SB 141)
There needs to be further research on the retirement needs of all the employees current and future. Don't let yourself (legislatures) be swayed by our current federal administration. Make the appropriate ~~the~~ decisions for the people you represent.

Signed: Kevin Vig Kevin Vig
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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Finance
 Committee name
 Committee on HB 475 Retirement, dated April 18, 2006
 Bill/Subject:

Please note to delay implementation of Senate Bill 141. Please allow appropriate consideration and development of a plan that would not be as ineffective and detrimental for our state.

Not only will over a 100,000 people be negatively affected but also the economy of the State of Alaska will be negatively impacted.

Signed:

Marilyn E. Parker Marilyn E. Parker
 Testifier

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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Finance
Committee name

Committee on HB 475 Retirement, dated April 18, 2006
Bill/Subject

Please delay the implementation of SB 141 until new facts are brought forth on different retirement programs. The new program will force current & future teachers to look elsewhere. We need a retirement program that encourages recruits and keeps quality teachers. The new program does not do this. Please delay the implementation of SB 141, until new facts are brought forth. I support an amendment to HB 475 that delays SB 141

Signed: Russell Chofa Sidney Chofa
Testifier

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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Finance
Committee name

Committee on HB 475 Retirement, dated April 18, 2006
Bill/Subject

PLEASE SUPPORT KERTULA'S AMENDMENT TO
DELAY SB 141 SO IT CAN BE FIXED.
I ~~AM~~ A LIFE LONG RESIDENT OF AK., HAVE
WORKED IN PUBLIC EDUCATION FOR 22 YRS.
SB 141 HAS TOO MANY PROBLEMS AND THERE
NEEDS TO BE SERIOUS WORK ON FIXING IT OR
JUST THROWING IT OUT AND COMING UP WITH
A NEW SOLUTION

Signed: *Kent Hermon* KENT HERMON
Testifier

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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Finance
Committee name

Committee on HB 475 Retirement, dated April 18, 2006
Bill/Subject

Postpone SB 141!! - More discussion is
needed to find a better way. It can
be done if you involve everyone who is
affected. This Bill affects more than 100,000 people
in the state of AK. Please support the Amendment
to delay for 2 years.

Signed: Boyd R. Berg
Testifier

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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Finance
Committee name

Committee on HB 475 Retirement, dated April 18, 2006
Bill/Subject

Please consider the amendment to delay implementation of SB 141 until there has been time to review.

Signed:

Ronald Thomson
Testifier

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Alaska State Legislature

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Committee name

Committee on HB 475 Retirement, dated April 18, 2006
Bill/Subject

~~Request Senate Bill #~~

Please

Delay for 2 years the
implementation of SB 141
until better consideration
of retirement plans can be made.

Signed: Rod Christensen
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Alaska State Legislature

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Committee name

Committee on HB 475 Retirement, dated April 18, 2006
Bill/Subject

*Please vote for the amendment to delay SB 141
for two (2) years.*

Thank you.

Signed: *Sharon J. Johnson, Retiree*
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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Finance
Committee name

Committee on HB 475 Retirement, dated April 18, 2006
Bill/Subject

*Please delay implementation of
HB 475 until serious consideration
for a plan that is cost effective
can be developed.*

Signed:  Susan Dent
Testifier

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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Finance Committee name

Committee on HB 475 Retirement, dated April 18, 2006
Bill/Subject

Please vote in favor of Beth Kertulla's amendment to repeal or at least delay SB141.

Please repeal SB141 until at least July 2008 to allow adequate discussion for TRS/PEERS. 100,000 people will be effected by SB141 if it continues.

The economy of the State will be adversely effected by implementation of SB141. (Housing, public safety...)

Signed: Debra K. Bohm
Testifier

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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Finance
Committee name

Committee on HB 475 Retirement, dated April 18, 2006
Bill/Subject

Please delay SB141 for two years, until 2008 to provide the opportunity to research alternative plans, or hybrid plans in order to "fix" the existing plan.

Signed: Sharon B Johnson
Testifier

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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Finance
 Committee name
 Committee on HB 475 Retirement, dated April 18, 2006
 Bill/Subject

Please vote to repeal SB 141 until there has been thorough discussion and complete understanding about the adverse effects on the IRS Code, on a population - over 1M, 000 people in TRS/PERS, and in our State and Communities.

Please manifest that your collective intelligence will know the right thing to do, for the right reasons, in the right way. HB 475, its 80 amendments, and continued discussion are a start. Please delay until you get it right.

Signed:

Valerie B. Koivunen

Testifier

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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Finance
Committee name

Committee on HB 475 Retirement, dated April 18, 2006
Bill/Subject

*Please delay implementation of Senate
bill 141, to allow time to explore options that
will allow dedicated educators to retire with some
future security.*

Signed: *Hope Emma Clay*
Testifier

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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Finance Committee name

Committee: HB 475 Retirement, dated April 18, 2006

Bill/Subject

Please delay implementation of SB 141. It is too costly & poorly written. Amendments need to be clarified

Signed: Neil Long Testifier

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Alaska State Legislature

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Committee name

Committee on HB 475 Retirement, dated April 18, 2006
Bill/Subject

Please delay SB 141 until 2008.

The directive was poorly written and from the research it seems like it will end up costing the state and employees even more than the original TRS/PRS pension plan. You need the delay to explore other options and develop a better plan for all individuals involved.

Signed: Kevin Hartman
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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Finance
Committee name

Committee on HB 475 Retirement, dated April 18, 2006
Bill/Subject

Please consider the ammendments contained in HB 475 that relate to SB 111. More time and consideration needs to be taken to explore a better retirement system for teachers. Thank you.

Signed: Hannah N. Espenson
Testifier

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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Finance Committee name

Committee on HB 475 Retirement, dated April 18, 2006
Bill/Subject

Please delay the implementation of SB 141 to give time to consider costs and other options. SB 141 will be too costly, and we need to find something effective long term. that will be

Signed: Michele Komulos
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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Finance
Committee name

Committee on HB 475 Retirement, dated April 18, 2006
Bill/Subject

Please delay the implementation of SB 141 which will give time to explore options.

Signed: Louise Ralston
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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Finance
Committee name

Committee on HB 475 Retirement, dated April 18, 2006
Bill/Subject

I recommend delaying the implementation of SB141 to provide time to analyze all options.

Signed: Tracy A. Collum
Testifier

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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Finance
Committee name

Committee on HB 475 Retirement, dated April 18, 2006
Bill/Subject

I encourage your support in delaying SB141 implementation. I would like the state to explore ~~options~~ to additional options.

Please delay implementation of SB141.

Signed: Laura Young-Campbell
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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Finance
Committee name

Committee on HB 475 Retirement, dated April 18, 2006
Bill/Subject

I recommend delaying Senate Bill 141 because it is too costly and poorly written. This would allow time for exploration of other options. I support the amendments to H.B. 475.

Signed: Alice Herschman
Testifier

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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Finance
Committee name

Committee on HB 475 Retirement, dated April 18, 2006
Bill/Subject

Please, delay SB 141 to explore other options
that are not so costly.

Signed: Carolyn A. Morrison
Testifier

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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Finance
Committee name

Committee on HB 475 Retirement, dated April 18, 2006
Bill/Subject

Please reconsider ~~SB 141~~ ^{SB 141}. We need a plan that will attract and retain new teachers. Alaska needs to allow public employees to retire, and be able to support themselves in the future. Please consider Kerttula's bill in the Senate. Delay implementation of SB 141!

Signed: Rachelle Bates *Rachelle Bates*
Testifier

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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Finance
committee name

Committee on HB 362 Increase Base Student Allocation, dated 4-19-06
bill # / subject public hearing date

I am a student at Homer High School in Alaska. I heard about this meeting and since our school is cutting its French and Art classes next year, I decided to write and inform you that our school needs those programs. It also needs more funding. The reason those classes are being cut (although you probably already know it) is because our school doesn't have the funding to support them. I happen to be a French student and as you can probably guess I am less than appreciative to French being dropped. Most colleges want at least 2 years of a foreign language, preferably more. This will be my second year in French, but I was planning on taking it all though high school, unfortunately it looks like I won't be doing that after all. Unless our school gets more funding so it can keep its programs many kids will be left hanging educationally. All I ask is that you inform whoever is in charge of the school funding that they need to give us more funding because we need it, and I'm sure our school isn't the only one.

Sincerely,

Rosanna H. a student just wondering what will be cut next

Signed: Rosanna Hunting
Testifier

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Louanne Christian

From: Bob Deitrick [deitrick@ptialaska.net]
Sent: Tuesday, April 11, 2006 10:55 AM
To: Louanne Christian
Subject: HB475 Comments

Ms. Christian,

I was advised by Ginny Austerman that you would be the person to contact regarding my concerns about HB 141 and the bill, HB 475, attempting to bring HB 141 into compliance with the IRS code. My understanding is that there are already more than 50 amendments to HB 141 being proposed. Please distribute my message to the members of the House Finance Committee.

The implementation of HB 141 with the intended defined contribution plan causes me great concern. My understanding is that after 5 years a teacher could take their investment, as well as 100% of the district's contribution, and leave the state. Under this plan I believe that there is no commitment for folks to remain in Alaska and provide continuity to programs in our school districts. This is a major NEGATIVE IMPACT to our children and our communities.

I am a retired teacher, Tier 1, and when I started working in Alaska in 1975 the retirement plan was an incentive for me to stay in Alaska, commit to our children and our community. I do not see this happening under the defined contribution plan.

Alaskan school districts are working hard to implement the mandates of No Child Left Behind, Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, state school board policy, and state standards. It is a difficult task which needs experienced folks in order to implement the requirements, and to educate our youth. To continuously recruit and train new teachers in our state is costly, taking away funds that should be used in our classrooms. We need an incentive for folks to stay in Alaska.

When I was employed as a teacher in the Juneau School District, we had a very low turnover rate. It was difficult to get a job in Juneau. HB141 will not provide the needed incentive to stay. We will see a higher turnover rate and the trend is already starting. It is difficult to keep folks in Alaska even with the Tier 1 benefits. Incentives being offered in the "Lower 48" school districts are making it difficult for Alaska's school administrators to recruit educators to come to their districts.

I am very concerned about the recent number of job vacancies posted in my school district, especially in the area of special education.

I have a disabled grandchild who receives special education services.

I believe that for folks to be grounded in special education and provide services designed to educate special needs students, we need to have continuity of staff in special education, as well as in the regular classroom. Special needs students must have access to the general education curriculum in the least restrictive environment, with their non-disabled peers, and taught by regular classroom teachers who are experienced in providing accommodations and modifications in their curriculum/instruction.

HB 141 and the defined contribution plan will have a NEGATIVE impact on my grandchild's education!

I understand the concern regarding the "unfunded liability". I believe that we are not at the crisis stage at this point. There is a need to revise our defined contribution retirement plan.

I encourage your committee to amend HB 141 so that there will be a delay in implementation for 7 years. As Alaskans, we need time to address these issues and develop a sound plan that will provide an incentive for education personnel to remain in Alaska, as well as provide for a sound retirement plan.

Sincerely,

Robert Deitrick
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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Finance
Committee name

Committee on HB 475 Retirement, dated April 18, 2006
Bill/Subject

I would like to support any amendment that would delay the implementation of SB 141. The legislature as a whole really needs to do an indepth study of this bill. As a retired teacher with friends in other states this bill will be a detriment to education in the state of Alaska.

I would not have considered a career in Alaska had ~~SB~~ been there in 1973.

Signed: Verla M Austin Verla M. Austin

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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Finance
Committee name

Com... on HB 475 Retirement, dated April 18, 2006
Bill/Subject

Delay SB 141 for 2 years to allow time to investigate the implications of a defined contribution system and explore options of a hybrid retirement system. The APM board has indicated that the new system is more expensive to administer and doesn't solve the funding liability.

Signed: Carol S. Johnson
Testifier

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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Finance
Committee name

Committee on HB 475 Retirement dated April 18, 2006
Bill/Subject

The results of SB141 will affect all Alaskans for many generations. In addition to those specifically targeted, all Alaskans will be affected as the State reallocates funds to pay for the retirement program.

There are many reasons to reconsider actions taken in creating SB141, and I urge you to reread Tom Harvey's well-taken points (given in testimony April 12, 2006) - they elucidate the problems much better than I can here.

This issue is too important to leave to the pressures of some party platform, Republican or Democrat. It is too complicated for a simple fix. It requires that all parties and stakeholders have input and that all representatives know and understand the ramifications of this bill.

I therefore ask that you delay implementation of this bill for at least two years so that the necessary input ~~and~~ and deliberation can take place.

Signed: Maynard Perkins Professor Emeritus U.A.F.
Testifier

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