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letter is based upon the "administrative record" that is presented to the IRS, so it is important for Alaska to continue to update the IRS with any changes to the plan document.

### BENEFITS OF PASSING CSHB 475

#### PERS Tier 4 and TRS Tier 3

Passing CSHB 475 would have the following benefits for members in the New Plans:

1. Clarify nature of New Plans to make sure DB-type benefits for those with occupational disability and their survivors are paid from New Plans.
2. Clarify nature of New Plan as to public safety officer retirement benefit options to make sure those benefits are paid from New Plans.
3. Restructure line of duty death benefit so that it would comply with IRC. Failure to adopt will deny tax-favored benefit to survivor.
4. Shorten the IRS review time because the "plan document" for the new tiers would be established in a way that would match up with IRS guidance.

#### HRAs

Passing CSHB 475 would have the following benefit with respect to the new HRA structure:

R-structure HRA contributions to clarify that contribution is uniformly calculated, thereby strengthening position that all benefits will be non-taxable.

### CONSEQUENCES OF NOT PASSING CSHB 475

#### PERS Tier 4 and TRS Tier 3

Failure to pass CSHB 475 would have the following consequences for members of the New Plans:

1. Failure to adopt CSHB 475 will restrict the ability to offer occupational death and disability benefits for members.
2. Failure to adopt CSHB 475 will restrict the ability to offer optional PERS retirement to police/fire injured in line of duty.

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3. Failure to adopt will complicate IRS filings and prolong review process.

Failure to meet qualification requirements means that both retroactive and prospective corrections are required. Qualification status goes to the plan as a whole. If under state law, an administrative agency is not authorized to disregard or sever a provision that causes a qualification failure, the plan as a whole would be jeopardized.

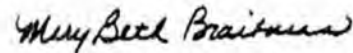
**HRA's**

Failure to adopt could result in taxable benefits to some groups.

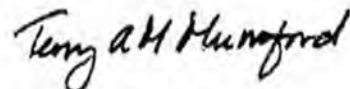
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Very truly yours,

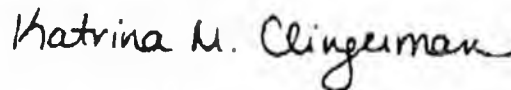
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## Alaska Retirement Management Board

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January 27, 2006

The Honorable Kim Elton  
Alaska State Senate  
Alaska State Capitol  
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Dear Senator Elton:

The Alaska Retirement Management Board (ARMB) received your January 9, 2006 letter at its meeting in Juneau January 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. Your interest in addressing the unfunded liabilities of the retirement systems is appreciated by the board as we begin our work on this issue.

You requested comparative data of the cost to PERS and TRS employers of retirement benefits for the new Defined Contribution Plan (referenced as Tier IV in your letter) created by SB141 with costs for Tier III members. The tables below provide an analysis of the FY 2006 normal cost, expressed as a percentage of payroll, required to fund the pension, health and other benefits for Tier III employees and Tier IV employees:

Defined Benefit Plans	Employer Normal Cost		Employee Normal Cost		Total Normal Cost	
	PERS Tier III	TRS Tier II	PERS Tier III	TRS Tier II	PERS Tier III	TRS Tier II
Retirement Benefits	3.51	3.78	6.81	8.65	10.32	12.43
Medical Benefits	7.23	7.93	0.00	0.00	7.23	7.93
<b>Total</b>	<b>10.74</b>	<b>11.71</b>	<b>6.81</b>	<b>8.65</b>	<b>17.55</b>	<b>20.36</b>

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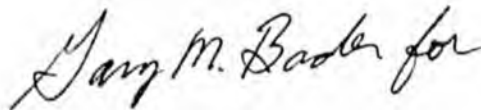
Defined Contribution Plans	Employer Normal Cost		Employee Normal Cost		Total Normal Cost	
	PERS Tier IV	TRS Tier III	PERS Tier IV	TRS Tier III	PERS Tier IV	TRS Tier III
Individual Account	5.00	7.00	8.00	8.00	13.00	15.00
Medical Benefits	4.75	4.75	0.00	0.00	4.75	4.75
Other	0.31	0.22*	0.00	0.00	0.31	0.22*
<b>Total</b>	<b>10.06</b>	<b>11.97</b>	<b>8.00</b>	<b>8.00</b>	<b>18.06</b>	<b>19.97</b>

\*Disability and death benefits cost estimate; however, these were not included in the employer contribution statutes for the new TRS DCR plan.

Because the Legislature is seeking to address the unfunded liability of the Public Employees' and Teachers' Retirement Systems, it is important to understand the cost to employers of that liability. To that end, additional comparison information is enclosed for the retirement systems that includes all costs for all tiers.

If there is any additional information we can provide, please don't hesitate to contact the trustees either directly or through our staff.

Sincerely,



Gail R. Schubert, Chair

Enclosure

## Changes Required before July 1, 2006

- 1 The occupational death benefit statutes do not provide for benefits paid to a person who is a dependent child to end when the person is no longer eligible as a child (AS 14.25.487 and AS 39.35.892).

Explanation: Without express language in statute, a dependent child receiving occupational death benefits might argue that death benefits must be paid until the date the deceased member would have retired, without regard to the age of the benefit recipient. The issue is specifically dealt with in the disability statutes [AS 14.25.485(i) and AS 39.890(k)], which include language terminating the death benefit the last month in which there is an eligible child. The death benefit statutes – AS 14.25.487 and AS 39.35.892 – unambiguously state when the benefits will begin and when they will end. Failure to include language that would terminate death benefits the last month in which there is an eligible child indicates a different result was intended.

Consequence: If this provision were changed *after* June 30, 2006, it may bestow constitutional rights on employees who become members during the period that the law is in effect. May jeopardize plan qualification because the IRC definition of "dependent" includes age requirements for distribution to a dependent child under a qualified plan.

Change required: Qualify that death benefits shall cease if a dependent child no longer meets the definition of dependent.

Who benefits from change: Employers and the Plans.

- 2 A disabled peace officer or fire fighter will have access to two types of retirement benefits, an individual account balance and a monthly pension. (AS 39.35.890(h)).

Explanation: Under AS 39.35.810, a member is eligible to elect distribution of the member's contribution account after termination of employment. Disability and death benefits are only payable upon termination from employment, which means the member and/or beneficiaries could access the individual account. Under AS 39.35.890(h), once a disabled peace officer or fire fighter becomes eligible for "normal retirement," s/he must make an irrevocable choice of the individual account as their retirement benefit or a monthly pension benefit as if AS 39.35.370(c) [PERS Tier III] were to apply. This essentially leads to a dual retirement benefit.

Consequence: If this provision were changed *after* June 30, 2006, it may bestow constitutional rights on employees who become members during the period that the law is in effect.

Change required: Require a peace officer or fire fighter to make a choice of retirement benefits upon appointment to disability.

Who benefits from change: Employers and members.

Additional comment: This item also lacks a funding mechanism which is identified as item 2 on the list for future action.

- 3 There is no date certain for conversion of non-vested members from the DB plans to the DCR plans (AS 14.25.540 and AS 39.35.940).

Explanation: An employer's decision to allow its employees to convert is irrevocable and employees have up until the day before they become vested in the PERS or TRS DB plans to convert. This pushes the last potential conversion date out conceivably to 5 to 8 years (or longer, if terminated non-vested members return to work for a participating employer) depending on the plan and the employee's initial hire date.

Consequence: This leaves annual budgeting uncertainty for the employers. Additionally, an employer who allows conversion may wind up matching employee account balances that were earned largely while an employee was working for another employer. If changed *after* June 30, 2006, it may bestow constitutional rights on employees who become members during the period that the law is in effect.

Change required: Set a date certain for conversion. Research indicates a typical time period is 6 to 12 months from the effective date of legislation.

Who benefits from change: Employers.

- 4 The section on eligibility for medical benefits states that "an eligible person shall make the irrevocable election to participate or not participate in the retiree major medical insurance plan" by the time they turn 70 ½ years old (AS 14.25.470(g) and AS 39.35.870(g)).

Explanation: The Division anticipated the provisions for application for retirement and medical benefits would be handled by regulation. Such regulations would include a requirement that an eligible person who did not initially participate in the medical plan could later be covered only if they had continuous coverage in the intervening time or they must show evidence of insurability. The wording of the statute, however, seems to leave the choice to the eligible person regardless of their health status.

Consequence: This leaves the retiree major medical insurance plan open to adverse selection and unpredictable costs. If changed *after* June 30, 2006, it may bestow constitutional rights on employees who become members during the period that the law is in effect.

Change required: Clarify that an eligible person who does not initially elect participation in the retiree major medical insurance plan, but who later chooses to participate, must show evidence of insurability or provide a letter of coverage.

Who benefits from change: The Plans and Employers.

- 5 AS 14.25.580 allows a SESA employee to participate in the TRS DCR Plan if they possess or are eligible to possess a teacher certificate regardless if employed in a position requiring a teacher certificate.

Explanation: About double the people in Alaska have teaching certificates as there are positions requiring certificates. The definition of "teacher" contained in AS 14.25.590(27) is not the possession of a teaching certificate. The criteria is that they be employed in a position requiring possession of a State of Alaska teaching certificate. AS 14.25.580 contradicts this criteria and possibly opens TRS to SESA, PERS members holding teaching certificates but who are not employed in positions requiring a certificate.

Consequence: Employers would have to pay more for employees than they would if they were PERS members. If changed *after* June 30, 2006, it may bestow constitutional rights on employees who become members during the period that the law is in effect.

Change required: Repeal AS 14.25.580.

Who benefits from change: Employers.

**Necessary -- But May Be Delayed for Future Action (after July 1, 2006)**

- 1 There is no contribution required by TRS employers to fund TRS occupational disability and death benefits (AS 14.25.350).

Explanation: This was an inadvertent omission in drafting the bill in conference committee. TRS employers were fully expected to pay the costs of disability and death benefits.

Consequence: The Division would request a legislative general fund appropriation to pay benefits.

Change required: Require TRS employers to pay occupational disability and death benefits through contributions actuarially calculated.

Who benefits from change: State general fund.

Additional Comments: DRB's legal counsel suggests this is a mandatory item because it is a flaw in the system to leave benefits unfunded, which will compound the longer it is not addressed.

- 2 There is no fund source specified in statute to pay for the monthly pension that may be elected by a disabled police officer or fire fighter upon eligibility for normal retirement.

Explanation: The legislature specified that a monthly pension benefit elected by a disabled peace officer or fire fighter would *not* be paid out of the PERS defined benefit trust (AS 39.35.890(h)(2)). AS 39.35.750(e) requires employers to pay actuarially determined contributions for occupational disability and death benefits, but does not require contributions for monthly pension benefits elected by a peace officer/fire fighter upon eligibility for normal retirement. Also, the statute does not specifically require the member to forfeit the individual contribution account upon making the irrevocable election.

Consequence: If no other funding source is specified, the Division would request a legislative appropriation to pay benefits for disabled peace officers and fire fighters who were employed both by the state and by political subdivisions.

Change required: Provide for forfeiture of individual contribution account upon election of benefit calculated under AS 39.35.370 by peace officer or fire fighter; require employers to pay benefits through contributions actuarially calculated. Should the amount -- all or part -- in the forfeited individual contribution account be transferred to some pension account and credited to cover part of the employer's liability?

Who benefits from change: State general fund.

Additional Comments: The Division's legal counsel suggests this is a mandatory item because it is a flaw in the system to leave benefits unfunded, which will compound the longer it is not addressed.

- 3 The DB plans are closed to new entrants after June 30, 2006, and so are the payroll bases upon which the employer contribution for past service costs (unfunded liability) is applied (AS 14.25.070 and AS 39.35.250).

Explanation: The statutes defining "contributions by employers" reference contributions to the "plan," specifies the plan by statutory cite (in TRS), sets the formula for employer contributions as applying the board certified rate "against the sum total of the base salaries paid to members" of the plan (in TRS), and defines (in PERS) the consolidated employer rate and past service rate as "the percentage of compensation of all active employees in the plan."

Consequence: Employer rates for past service costs will continue to rise as the amortized liability is applied to a shrinking payroll paid to members of the DB plan.

Change required: Change method of determining employer contributions for past service costs or specify that the payroll base of both DB and DCR plan employees will be used to calculate employer contribution rates for past service costs.

Who benefits from change: Employers.

Critical timeline: The impact on employer contribution rates for past service costs of DB plan members will first be seen in the valuation ending 6/30/2007 which will set the rates for FY 2010.

- 4 The employer contribution rate sections of the DB plans do not allow individual employers to have a contribution rate lower than the normal cost rate even if their assets exceed their liabilities (AS 14.25.070 and AS 39.35.270).

Explanation: PERS employers have individual contribution rates and some employers fall below the "normal cost rate" because they have assets greater than liabilities. Was it really the intent of the legislature to penalize these employers?

Consequence: Employers would be forced to contribute more than needed to their assets. Once the money goes into the Trust it cannot come out except to pay benefits.

Change required: Change floor on normal cost rate to the DB *plan* level rather than individual employer level. Specify that an individual employer's contribution may be less than the normal cost rate if assets are greater than liabilities to the extent the actuary determines them sufficient to cover all employee benefits being earned during the current year. Make change retroactive to July 1, 2005.

Who benefits from change: PERS Employers.

- 5 The legislation does not provide that a period of death benefits constitutes membership service in regard to determining eligibility for retirement benefits (AS 14.25.487 and AS 39.35.892).

Explanation: This appears to have been an omission in drafting because the disability benefits have the provision that a period of disability counts toward eligibility for retirement. It is also implied by the requirement for continuing employer contributions as well as the provisions of subsection (e) which reference the normal retirement date if the member had lived.

Consequence: Would potentially leave survivors without access to medical benefits once death benefits cease.

Change required: Add "The period of death benefits constitutes membership service in regard to determining eligibility for retirement benefits."

Who benefits from change: Members' eligible survivors.

- 6 It is not clear that a period of disability benefits constitutes membership service in regard to determining vesting in employer contributions and related earnings (AS 14.25.485 and AS 39.35.890).

Explanation: Although the statutes expressly state that a period of disability benefits constitutes membership service for purposes of determining eligibility for retirement and medical benefits, the statutes do not mention vesting in employer contributions and related earnings. The requirement for continuing employer contributions implies this intent.

Consequence: Administrator to interpret. Lawsuit by employer or employee?

Change required: Add "The period of disability constitutes membership service in regard to vesting in employer contributions under AS 14.25.390(b) [AS 39.35.790(b)]."

Who benefits from change: Members.

- 7 It is not clear that a period of death benefits constitutes membership service in regard to determining vesting in employer contributions and related earnings (AS 14.25.487 and AS 39.35.892).

Explanation: Although the statutes do not expressly state that a period of death benefits constitutes membership service for determining vesting, the requirement for continuing employer contributions implies this intent.

Consequence: Administrator to interpret. Lawsuit by employer or employee?

Change required: Add "The period of death benefits constitutes membership service in regard to vesting in employer contributions under AS 14.25.390(b) [AS 39.35.790(b)]."

Who benefits from change: Members.

- 8 It is not clear that transferred membership from the DB plans to the DCR plans will be applied to vesting in both the employer's matching contribution and subsequent contributions (AS 14.25.540 and AS 39.35.940).

Explanation: The bill is silent on this. Because it is express that service in the DB plans counts toward eligibility for medical benefits, it is implied that it would count toward vesting.

Consequence: Administrator to interpret. Lawsuit by employer or employee?

Change required: Specify that years of service converted from the DB plans to the DCR plans will apply to vesting in employer contributions.

Who benefits from change: Members.

- 9 The statutes that define eligibility for retirement and medical benefits seemingly conflict with the statutes that define eligibility for the Health Reimbursement Arrangement (HRA).

Explanation: The HRA is part of the medical benefits provided by the DCR plans. Under the DCR plan specific provisions (AS 14.25.470 and AS 39.35.870), a person must retire directly from the plan to be eligible for medical benefits. However, the HRA eligibility statute (AS 39.30.390) specifically precludes a person from having to retire from the plan.

Consequence: Administrator to interpret that the more specific language prevails.

Change required: Remove conflict from the eligibility for retirement and medical benefits language under AS 14.25.470 and AS 39.35.980.

Who benefits from change: Members.

- 10 Establish regulatory authority for the ARM Board (AS 37.10.220).

Explanation: Specific regulatory authority for the ARM Board was not added when the PERB, TRB, and ASPIB were replaced. AS 37.10.071(a)(7) may be sufficient: "(7) perform all acts, not prohibited by this section, whether or not expressly authorized, that the fiduciary considers necessary or proper in administering the assets;"

Consequence: Revenue to interpret.

Change required: Add specific regulatory authority.

Who benefits from change: The Plans.

11 AS 14.25.045 and 14.25.570 allow for participation by National Education Association Employees (NEA).

Explanation: Although NEA had been included by the legislature in the TRS DB plan in statute, NEA is a non-profit organization and they do not qualify for inclusion in the system. This error was acknowledged by the Division, the Dept of Law & NEA in the early 1990's/late 1980's. In discussion with participating NEA management it was decided by the TRS Board that members participating at the time would be grandfathered and inclusion of new members would be discontinued (since then the last member has retired.) Inclusion in the new plan resulted from duplication of existing statutes that was not caught in editing.

Consequence: Disallow NEA employees entrance into the DCR plans.

Change required: Repeal AS 14.25.045 and AS 14.25.570.

Who benefits from change: The members, the employers, and the Plans.

12 Regulatory authority for the Supplemental Benefits now rests with the ARM Board (AS 39.30.160).

Explanation: Part of the reform to the retirement systems was a regulatory authority change from the prior Public Employees Retirement Board to the Department of Administration. The SBS system reference was changed from the PERB to the ARMB; however, the ARMB does not prescribe policies for the retirement systems so this change makes little sense.

Consequence: In practice, the Division will have to draft regulations for the ARMB for their review and approval.

Change required: Remove the reference to regulations of the ARMB from AS 39.30.160.

Who benefits from change: Members

13 The statutory deadline for decisions on appeals to the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) is too short (AS 44.64.060(d)).

Explanation: The statutory deadline for the OAH to render decisions on cases before it is 120 days. The number of appeals at this point is too great and resources are too few for the Division and Law to meet this deadline.

Consequence: The consequence of not meeting the deadline is a decision in favor of the appellant because the Division is non-responsive.

Change required: Change the statutory deadline to 180 days -- specifically for DRB (AS 14.25.006 and AS 39.35.006) if Chief ALJ not amenable to general change.

Who benefits from change: The Plans.

- 14 The PERS statutes lack a provision for appeal to the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) of the Commissioner's decisions on waiver requests (AS 39.35.522).

Explanation: SB 141 established a new procedure for persons seeking a waiver of adjustment made by the administrator to benefits paid. The new procedure requires filing a request with the commissioner of administration for the waiver. While the TRS statutes allow an appeal of the commissioner's decision to the OAH, the PERS statutes do not. This was a drafting error.

Consequence: An alternative would be for the Commissioner to delegate authority to the OAH to make the PERS waiver decisions [AS 44.64.030(b)]. Under this scenario, the OAH could bill the Division for these services. Otherwise, PERS appeals from the Commissioner's waiver decisions will have to be sent to the superior court, which is also costly.

Change required: Match PERS statutes to TRS statutes.

Who benefits from change: Members, the Plans, and the Court system.

- 15 There are no provisions for appeal to the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) on decisions of the administrator for the Health Reimbursement Arrangement Plan, the Supplemental Benefits System Plan, and the Deferred Compensation Plan (AS 39.30.300-495; AS 39.30.150-180; and AS 39.45.010-060).

Explanation: This was an inadvertent omission in transferring all appeals functions to the OAH.

Consequence: Appeals will have to be sent to the superior court.

Change required: Add the statutory references to OAH authority under AS 44.64 and make any necessary changes to specific plan statutes.

Who benefits from change: Members, the Plans, and the Court system.

- 16 The new DCR statutes do not contain provisions for employer termination of participation in the plans.

Explanation: The PERS DB plans have specific statutory guidelines (AS 39.35.615-620) on the process for terminating participation in the PERS. Although a provision for participation was added to the DCR plan, termination was not.

Consequence: The Division has no basis for making decisions regarding members' rights to medical benefits, including the HRA, if an employer terminates from participation.

Change required: Add termination provisions to AS 39.35.700-990.

Who benefits from change: Members.

17 AS 39.35.375(a), AS 39.35.385(c), and AS 14.25.125(c) are all exceptions to the repeal of statutes that provide for reinstatement of refunded service credit.

Explanation: AS 39.35.375(a) allows an active PERS member who has never vested in TRS or PERS and who has cashed out TRS service to reinstate the TRS service credit to establish a "public service benefit." AS 39.35.385 allows persons who are eligible for a normal or early retirement salary under TRS to qualify for a normal or early "conditional service" retirement benefit under PERS if he or she has at least two years of credited service in PERS. AS 14.25.125 allows the same in reverse. Members are allowed to reinstate refunded service credit in order to qualify for the conditional service benefits under AS 14.25.125(c) and AS 39.35.385(c). The conditional service benefit is very expensive because it results in payment of medical premiums and other medical charges from both the PERS and TRS for a single retiree. This is an "off-books" liability similar to the one addressed by the repeal of the reinstatement of service provisions, although the magnitude is considerably less.

Consequence: Results in disparate treatment for refunded PERS/TRS members. If repealed after July 1, 2006, may result in a separate lawsuit.

Change required: Repeal all the language from the above statutes that allow for reinstatement of service by payment of refunded contributions, effective 6/30/2010.

Who benefits from change: The Plans and employers.

Required only if Disallowed by IRS – Determination after July 1, 2006

- 1 Change or delete continuing employer contribution requirements to the individual accounts of disabilitants and survivors. (AS 14.25.485, 14.25.487 and AS 39.35.890, 39.35.892).

Explanation: From Law's bill analysis. They are researching whether an employer making contributions to the accounts of a former employee complies with federal law governing qualified plans.

- 2 Change basis of HRA contribution from individual employer "average employee compensation" to the average compensation for all plan participants if determination is made this disqualifies plan (AS 39.30.370).

Explanation: The HRA is actually a plan by itself. The IRS rules indicate that wages are not actually supposed to be a base for the benefits and that all plan participants must receive the same benefit. It would be more beneficial to the Division and probably to employees if the average were supposed to be a system-wide average rather than an individual employer average.

## Cosmetic Changes

- 1 Repeal duplicative AS 39.35.050 which provides for the Commissioner to appoint an administrator. This is addressed in new AS 39.35.003.

Explanation: This was a drafting error.

- 2 Change eligibility for reimbursement from the HRA to "Persons who meet the eligibility requirements of AS 14.25.470 or [AND] AS 39.35.870...".

Explanation: From Law's analysis "it is unlikely that the legislature intended that a member be eligible for retirement and medical benefits under both TRS and PERS in order to be eligible for HRA benefits."

- 3 Delete requirement to distribute individual account balances of less than \$1,000 (AS 14.25.440(a)(5) and AS 39.35.840(a)(5)).

Explanation: The Division's CFO would prefer this language be removed to conform with changes made in 2004 that eliminated a requirement to refund minimum balances under the DB plans.

# FISCAL NOTE

**STATE OF ALASKA**  
**2006 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

Fiscal Note Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Bill Version: SB293(FIN)-DOA-RB-04-24-06  
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Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): \_\_\_\_\_ Dept. Affected: Administration  
 Title An Act relating to PERS and TRS and creating RDU Centralized Administrative Services  
defined contribution and health reimbursement plans ... Component Retirement and Benefits  
 Sponsor Senator Kim Elton  
 Requester Senate State Affairs Committee Component No. 64

**Expenditures/Revenues** (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012
Personal Services						
Travel						
Contractual						
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

<b>CAPITAL EXPENDITURES</b>						
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<b>CHANGE IN REVENUES ( )</b>						
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**FUND SOURCE** (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF						
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other (Specify Type--Do not abbreviate)						
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

Estimate of any current year (FY2006) cost: 0.0

Mark this box (X) if funding for this bill is included in the Governor's FY 2007 budget proposal:

**POSITIONS**

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

**ANALYSIS:** (Attach a separate page if necessary)

The Division of Retirement and Benefits does not anticipate a fiscal impact caused by delaying the implementation of the new retirement system plans enacted in ch. 9, FSSLA 2005.

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 Approved by: Mike Tibbles, Deputy Commissioner Date 4/24/2006  
 Agency: Department of Administration



# Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the

Senate State Affairs

Committee name

Committee on

SB 293

Bill/Subject

, dated April 24, 2024

I would like to support SB 293.  
I believe that more time + research is needed to come up with a better plan for the future for both the state and its workers. This bill will provide that needed time but still keep a timetable on the subject.

Signed:

William E.

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# Alaska State Legislature

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Please support SB 293 which would delay the implementation of SB 141 by two years. This will afford the opportunity to give input on the devastating effects of SB 141. During that delay period we can <sup>get</sup> actual inflation rates, costs of health care of Tier I vs Tier II employees, and have a chance to testify about negative effects upon the (teaching) career. This rushed agenda benefits no one! Mr. Huggins, you asked for my support, now I'm asking for yours!

Signed: Cynthia J. Knutson  
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Bill/Subject

I support SB 293 which would delay the implementation of SB 141 by two years. More time is needed to research the long term effects of SB 141. Careful consideration needs to be taken when peoples retirements are involved.

Signed:

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Committee on SB 293, dated 4/24/06  
Bill/Subject

Please Support SB293 which would delay the implementation of SB141 by two years. It is important to learn from other states that returned to a DB plan after having DC plan which turned out to be more expensive. Please take time to do it right!

Signed: Katheryne Jay Anderson  
Testified

Teacher  
Representing (Optional)

P.O. box 872124 Wasilla, AK 99687  
Address

907 373 5323  
Phone number



# Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the SSTA  
Committee name

Committee on SB 293, dated April 24, 2006  
Bill/Subject

Please support SB293, postponing SB141 for 2 years, to evaluate the changes proposed to the retirement system. Please give the time needed to learn from other states.

Signed: Katie Conover Katie Conover  
Testifier

Teacher

Representing (Optional)  
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Wasilla, Alaska  
Address

316-7635  
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# Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the \_\_\_\_\_

SSTA

Committee name

Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

SB 293

, dated \_\_\_\_\_

April 24, 2006

Bill/Subject

Please support SB 293 ~~for a delay~~  
which will delay the  
implementation of SB 141 for  
two years.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Barber K. Smith

Testifier

Representing (Optional) \_\_\_\_\_

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Address

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_



# Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the SSTA

Committee name

Committee on SB 293, dated 4/24/06

Bill/Subject

Please support SB293 to delay SB141 for two years. SB141 was rushed through the legislature during a special session not giving the huge amount of people affected by it a chance to respond. Please support SB293 so that time is available, also, to look at all options and make a decision that will benefit the employees.

Signed: Holly D. Walker Holly D. Walker

Testifier

Teacher

Representing (Optional)

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Phone number



# Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the SSTA  
Committee name

Committee on SB 293, dated 4/24/06  
Bill/Subject

Please support SB293 which would delay the implementation of SB141 by two years.

Signed: Vanessa Chadwell Vanessa Chadwell  
Testifier

teacher  
Representing (Optional)

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Address

(907) 373-6820  
Phone number



# Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the SSTA  
Committee name  
Committee on SB 293, dated 4/21/06  
Bill/Subject

Please take time to consider the data and evaluate what has happened to other states who have tried to privatize public retirement systems, postpone SB141 for the next two years by supporting SB293.

Signed: Theodore R. Van Dussen  
Testifier  
Teacher  
Representing (Optional)  
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Address  
373-5323  
Phone number



# Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the \_\_\_\_\_ SSTA

Committee name

Committee on \_\_\_\_\_ SB 293 \_\_\_\_\_, dated April 24, 2006

Bill/Subject

Please support Bill SB293 to  
delay Bill SB141.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Mary McCain \_\_\_\_\_  
Testifier

Representing (Optional)

\_\_\_\_\_  
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Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
907-495-6249  
Phone number



# Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the SSTA  
Committee name

Committee on SB 293, dated April 24, 2006  
Bill/Subject

Please support SB 293 to delay the implementation of SB 141 for 2 years. More time is needed for solutions to be made to the bill that will help everyone.

Signed: Alice Henderson Alice Henderson  
Testifier

HC  
Representing (Optional)

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Address

907 357-9840 X215  
Phone number



# Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the SSTA  
Committee name  
Committee on SB 293, dated 4-24-06  
Bill/Subject

Please support SB293 which would delay implementation of SB141. We need more time to come up with a system that will work for all public employees.

Signed: Barrie A. Blackman-Green Barrie A. Blackman-Green  
Testifier

Representing (Optional)

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Address

(907) 373-4058  
Phone number



# Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the SSTA

Committee name

Committee on SB 293, dated 4-24-06

Bill/Subject

Please support SB293 to delay the implementation of SB 141. We need more time to come up with a system that will work for all public service employees.

Signed: Jeannette Newcomb Jeannette Newcomb  
Testifier

Representing (Optional)

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Address

(907) 373-6379  
Phone number



# Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the SSTA  
Committee name

Committee on SB 293, dated 4-24-06  
Bill/Subject

Support SB 293, please research  
SB 141 and it's actual benefits. Check  
other states to see if it really will work.  
Give people time to see who really  
benefits and who will suffer - students,  
families

Signed: Kathleen Godswie Kathleen Godswie  
Testifier

Representing (Optional)

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Address

907-373-6249  
Phone number



# Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the \_\_\_\_\_

SSTA

Committee name

Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

SB 293

Bill/Subject

, dated \_\_\_\_\_

4/24/06

Please support SB 293 to delay the implementation of SB 141 - we need more time do do research so that we can make informed decisions - pushing this through with out public testimony is not right. We need a system that will work for all public employees.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

*Celena Brunet*

Testifier

Celena Brunet

Representing (Optional)

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Address

373-8909

Phone number



# Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the SSTA  
Committee name  
Committee on SB 293, dated April 24, 2006  
Bill/Subject

*Please support senate bill 293.  
Delay bill 141 until all the facts  
are discussed and impacts on peoples  
lives are least affected.*

Signed: Kathie Smith  
Testifier

Representing (Optional)

1482 N. Pittman Rd. Uscilla Ak 99654  
Address

376 5273  
Phone number



# Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the SSTA  
Committee name

Committee on SB 293, dated April 24, 2006  
Bill/Subject

Please support Bill SB293 to delay implementation of SB141. We need more time to collect data.

Signed: Jan C. May Jan C. May  
Testifier

Representing (Optional)

PO Box 875272 Wasilla, AK 99687  
Address

907-373-1799  
Phone number



# Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the SSTA  
Committee name  
Committee on SB 293, dated 4-24-06  
Bill/Subject

Please support the delay of  
SB 141 for 2 years so that  
adequate data can be collected. Please  
consider what has happened in other  
States regarding defined contribution plans.

Signed: Marian Charles  
Testifier

Representing (Optional)

PO Box 76 Willow, AK 99688  
Address

907-495-6368

Phone number



# Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the

Senate State Affairs

Committee name

Committee on

SB 293

Bill/Subject

, dated

4-24-06

Please delay SB-141 by passing SB 293. There are many problems with SB 141 that will be bad for public employees.

Signed:

Charles J. [Signature]

Testifier

4-24-06

Representing (Optional)

Address

Phone number




# Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the Senate State Affairs  
Committee name

Committee on SB 293, dated \_\_\_\_\_  
Bill/Subject

PLEASE DELAY IMPLEMENTATION OF SB141  
AS STATED IN SB 293.

AS SOMEONE WHO IS LOOKING AT RETIREMENT  
IN LESS THAN 5 YEARS I THINK IT IS  
INCUMBENT UPON THE SENATE TO COMPLETELY  
EXAMINE ALL THE IMPLICATIONS AND IMPACTS  
OF SB 141 ON FUTURE PERSONS RECIPIENTS

Signed:  CHUCK BRAUN  
Testifier  
MAT-SU BOROUGH EXEMPT EMPLOYEE  
Representing (Optional)  
P.O. BOX 877696 WASILLA, AK 99687  
Address  
745-9831 WK 357-4352 HM  
Phone number



# Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the

Senate State Affairs

Committee name

Committee on

SB 293

, dated \_\_\_\_\_

Bill/Subject

I am writing in support of SB 293. As a public employer I should not be held responsible for a deficit caused by mismanagement beyond my control. Accurate data is needed in order to make sound financial decisions. That data has not been presented. I will be closely watching the roll call vote on SB 141. The results of that vote will determine how I vote during the next election. I am embarrassed by how my legislators voted to change the public employee retirement plan. Mat-lu legislators have shown little support for their public employees.

Signed:

DOUG WRIGHT

Testifier

Representing (Optional)

5105 DANE CT WASILLA ALASKA 99654

Address

376-4185

Phone number



# Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the

Senate State Affairs

Committee name

Committee on

SB 293

, dated

Bill/Subject

I support SB293 to allow for more time to examine what needs to be done to correct the unfunded deficit created by political mis-management of the PERKS & PERKS systems.

The present motions by the Legislature HB475 only prove that we do not know enough about the problems to begin attempting a fix for them.

Pass SB293 and let us take time to do this right. I ~~will~~ do vote and I do have a big mouth and a long memory

Signed:

Testifier

All concerned homeowners citizens

Representing (Optional)

480 BAKKA LOOP WASILLA AK 99107-154

Address

907 357-7275 \*unlisted

Phone number



# Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the Senate State Affairs Committee name  
 Committee on SB 293, dated 4/24/06  
 Bill/Subject

I am Favou of SB 293. The Delay of SB141 is pnuammit for the Following Reasons:

- ① The Fact that H.B 475 is trying to Address problems w/ S.B 141 undougoves the Fact that S.B 141 should be delayed Because of NUMEROUS ISSUES.
- ② Little is known About How SB141 Will impact Current And Future Retirees, And Any cost of Living Allowances.

SB 141 Needs to be delayed. There are Too many unanswered Questions. The Future of many Peoples Retirement is at stake. Please Support SB 293  
 Thankyou

Signed: M. Gunn  
 Testifier

Representing (Optional)

P.O. Box 873305, Wasilla, AK 99687  
 Address

907-376-7339  
 Phone number



# Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the

Senate State Affairs

Committee name

Committee on

SB 293

, dated

4/24/06

Bill/Subject

I am in favor of SB 213

Signed:

Kurt Beutt

Testifier

Representing (Optional)

PO Box 1865 Palmer, AK 99645

Address

907-745-5665

Phone number



# Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the

Senate State Affairs

Committee name

Committee on

SB 293

, dated

4/24/06

Bill/Subject

Please support senate Bill 293, so that a better look can be taken at Bill 141.

Signed:

Brad Puttall

Testifier

Representing (Optional)

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Address

907-745-6945

Phone number



# Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the Senate State Affairs Committee name

Committee on SB 293 Bill/Subject, dated 4/24/06

I am not in favor of SB 141

I am however, in favor of SB 293

I am a Public Employee & have been for over 19 years. There are many PE's who put their lives on the line everyday & are available to do the jobs that many can not. Please do not take our existing retirement system. *change*

Signed: Chris Dummeron Testifier

MSB Representing (Optional)

Address

Phone number



# Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the

Senate State Affairs

Committee name

Committee on

SB 293

, dated

4/24/06

Bill/Subject

Please Pass HB 475 this session to allow time to correct "unforeseen" problems with SB141.

Please Support your PUBLIC Employees. This is an important issue with long standing ramifications

Thank you.

Signed:

[Signature]

Testifier

Representing (Optional)

1525 Golden Hills Circle

Address

Palmer, AK 99645

745-2483

Phone number



# Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the

Senate State Affairs

Committee name

Committee on

SB 293

, dated

4-24-06

Bill/Subject

I HAVE BEEN IN THE PERS SYSTEM FOR ABOUT 17 YEARS. I FIND THAT THE STATE OF ALASKA HAS FAILED IN THEIR FIDUCIARY RESPONSIBILITY BY ALLOWING THE DEFICIT TO GROW TO OVER \$5.7 BILLION. I DO NOT SUPPORT

SB 141 AS A SOLUTION TO THIS PROBLEM OR THE BILL WHICH IS INTENDED TO FIX THE PROBLEMS OF SB 141. I BELIEVE YOU HAVE AWOKED A LARGE GROUP OF PEOPLE IN THE PERS & TRS SYSTEM THAT ARE BECOMING VERY INTERESTED AND ACTIVE IN THEIR FUTURE BENEFITS. I SUPPORT SB 293 WHICH WILL GIVE US THE OPPORTUNITY TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM.

Signed:

WADE WILSON

Testifier

Representing (Optional)

4346 MCKECHNIE ROAD, PALMER, AK

Address

907-745-4416

Phone number



# Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the

Senate State Affairs

Committee name

Committee on

SB 293

dated

4/24/06

Bill/Subject

I support the passage of SB 293  
to be heard in Senate Affairs.  
Stop / delay SB 141.

Signed:

Beatrice Allen

Beatrice Allen

Testifier

Representing (Optional)

P.O. Box 545 Palmer AK 99645

Address

373-3910

Phone number



# Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the

Senate State Affairs

Committee name

Committee on

SB 293

dated

4/24/06

Bill/Subject

PLEASE ALLOW SENATE BILL 293  
TO BE HEARD IN STATE

AFFAIRS TOMORROW 4-25-06

WE NEED TO DELAY AND ANALYZE

SB 141 CAREFULLY AS NOT TO

HARM HIRING OF QUALITY EMPLOYEES

Signed:

MICHAEL GIBSON

Testifier

DEPT OF CORRECT SERVICES

Representing (Optional)

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Address

907-376-1176

99687

Phone number



# Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the Senate State Affairs  
Committee name  
Committee on SB 293 dated 4/24/2006  
Bill/Subject

I support Senate Bill 293 to be  
heard in State Affairs 4-25-06.  
Stop/delay SB 141

Signed: Rena Dadsen  
Testifier  
Dept of Emergency services  
Representing (Optional)  
5910 N. Bunny Dr Wasilla AK 99654  
Address  
907-376-7443  
Phone number



# Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the

Senate State Affairs

Committee name

Committee on

SB 293

Bill/Subject

dated

4/24/06

I support SB293 to be  
heard in State Affairs  
April 25, 2006. To stop  
Bill-141.

Signed:

Decci Longe

Testifier

Emergency Service Mat-Su Borough

Representing (Optional)

680 N. Seward Meridian

Address

373-8820

Phone number



# Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the Senate State Affairs  
Committee name

Committee on SB 293 dated 4/24/06  
Bill/Subject

I support SB 293 to be heard in State Affairs on April 25, 2006 to delay Senate bill 141

Signed: Sally Sherman  
Testifier

Matanuska-Susitna Borough  
Representing (Optional)

680 N Seward Meridian Pkwy, Wasilla  
Address

(907) 373-8813  
Phone number



# Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the Senate State Affairs Committee name  
Committee on SB 293 dated 4/24/06  
Bill/Subject

I SUPPORT THE PASSAGE  
OF SENATE BILL 293 TO BE  
HEARD IN SENATE AFFAIRS  
STOP / DELAY SB 141

Signed:

DAWN VOGT  
Testifier

Representing (Optional)

1351 N. CACHE DR WASILLA, AK 99654

Address

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Phone number



# Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the Senate State Affairs  
Committee name

Committee on SB 293, dated April 24, 2006  
Bill/Subject

PLEASE VOTE TO PASS SB293. AS A PUBLIC EMPLOYEE, I AM HERE TO SERVE THE MEMBERS OF OUR GREAT STATE. I HAVE BEEN AN ALASKAN FOR 25 OF MY 30 YEARS OF LIFE AND FEEL THAT SERVING THE PUBLIC IS A NOBLE PROFESSION. PLEASE SHOW US THAT OUR EFFORTS ARE APPRECIATED BY PASSING SB293. THERE ARE NO GUARANTEES IN LIFE, THIS IS TRUE, BUT TO TAKE AWAY OR AFFECT THE FUTURE OF A PERSON'S RETIREMENT HAS BECOME FAR TOO EASY FOR EMPLOYERS AND LEGISLATORS. DO THE RIGHT THING AND SHOW US THAT YOU CARE FOR US, OUR DEDICATION, AND SERVICE TO THE PUBLIC.

RETIREMENT

THIS MAY STILL EXCOM THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES<sup>A</sup> DUE TO DWINDLING CONTRIBUTIONS AND NUMBERS - BUT IT'S A START.

ELENA C. MANE

Signed:

DISTRICT 13

Testifier

MSBEA - PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

Representing (Optional)

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Address

FAIRMER, AK 99645

Phone number



# Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the

Senate State Affairs

Committee name

Committee on

SB 293

, dated

4/24/06

Bill/Subject

Please Support Senator Kim Elton's Senate  
Bill 293 To delay the implementation of Senate  
Bill 141 .

Signed:

Chad D. Eubank

Testifier

Representing (Optional)

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Address

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# Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the Senate State Affairs  
Committee name  
Committee on SB 293 , dated 4/24/06  
Bill/Subject

Support SB 293!!! which would delay  
the implementation of SB 141  
by two years

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

*Relia Hunt*

Testifier

*MSBEA*

Representing (Optional)

Address

Phone number



# Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the Senate State Affairs  
Committee name

Committee on SB 293, dated 4/24/06  
Bill/Subject

I support the delay of SB 141 —  
with the Budget surplus the STATE  
NOW HAS/PROTECTORS TO HAVE A  
BETTER PLAN THAN SB 141 CAN BE  
NEGOTIATED which will be more  
FAIR TO PRESENT & FUTURE EMPLOYEES  
PASS SB 293 —

Signed: [Signature]  
Testifier

MSBETA

Representing (Optional)

Address

Phone number



# Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the Senate State Affairs  
Committee name  
Committee on SB 293, dated 4-24-06  
Bill/Subject

I feel SB 141 should be repealed.  
Please ~~support~~ <sup>support</sup> SB 293.

Signed: Wick White  
Testifier  
MSBEA  
Representing (Optional)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Address  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone number



# Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the

Senate State Affairs

Committee name

Committee on

SB 293

Bill/Subject

, dated

4/24/06

PLEASE SUPPORT SB 293  
WHICH WOULD DELAY  
IMPLEMENTATION OF SB 141  
BY TWO YEARS!

Signed:

[Signature]

Testifier

MICHAEL E. GARBER

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 Senate State Affairs Committee name  
Committee on SB 293, dated 4/24/00  
Bill/Subject

Please support SB 293  
which would delay  
implementation of SB 141  
by two years.

We need factual data.

Signed: Diana Gurner  
Testifier

Representing (Optional)

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Phone number



# Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the Senate State Affairs  
Committee name

Committee on SB 293, dated \_\_\_\_\_  
Bill/Subject

To whom it may concern:

We would appreciate more information regarding the impact 141 will have on future and present retirees.

Public testimony showed 141 was not supported by the majority which causes concern.

We are aware that the Valley Representatives voted for 141. Thank you

Signed:

Testifier

John Sando

Representing (Optional)

MSBEA

Address

4001 Discovery Bay, Wasilla 99654

Phone number

907 257-1925



# Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the Senate State Affairs  
Committee name

Committee on SB 293, dated \_\_\_\_\_  
Bill/Subject

Please support SB 293. If our retirement system is under funded and we stop the funding that we have now ie the current employees paying into the fund, even with first grade math the program would become more and more under funded until all Tier I, Tier II and Tier III employees die off.

In 1998 it was 100% funded and you allowed employers to pay less in contributions. That was a bad decision, lets not make another one.

All valley representation in Juneau voted for 141, a fact which we will all remember at the polls.

Signed: Karen Steward  
Testifier

MSBEA  
Representing (Optional)

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Address

357-0144      745-9618 WK  
Phone number



# Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the

Senate State Affairs

Committee name

Committee on

SB 293

Bill/Subject

, dated

4/24/06

I Am requesting that you support SB293.  
Please stop and think at the impact this will make on our state if SB 141 goes into effect. You will not be able to attract qualified personnel to fill jobs -  
Our childrens and future generations future depends on our representatives making wise - practical decisions.  
Put yourself in our shoes - how would you feel if your retirement is in question -  
Thank you

Signed:

Linda S. Conniff

Testifier

Matanuska Susitna Borough MSBEA

Representing (Optional)

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Address

907-745-2970

Phone number



# Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the Senate State Affairs  
Committee name

Committee on SB 293, dated \_\_\_\_\_  
Bill/Subject

Please Support SB293 for the Retirement of employees this will affect. I've been under the plan for over 5 years and would like to keep it going for all employees old and new. Thankyou -

Signed:

Dianne K. Taylor

Testifier

MSBEA

Representing (Optional)

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Address

907-745-6637

Phone number



# Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the Senate State Affairs Committee name

Committee on SB 293 Bill/Subject, dated April 24, 2006

Delay SB 141! Support SB 293  
We do not have good data. We need time to review the costs, impact on recruitments, and the effect it will have on the local, and even state economy.

Please reconsider your position (as defined by your vote last year) and Support SB 293!

Signed: Jennifer Balling  
Testifier

MSBEA  
Representing (Optional)

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Address

(907) 357 8108  
Phone number



# Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the Senate State Affairs  
Committee name

Committee on SB 293, dated 4/24/2006  
Bill/Subject

I have worked under the pers  
pension plan since 1986. Before  
you blow my retirement, wouldn't  
it be wise to have more knowledge  
on what you are doing? I urge  
you to take this one step at  
a time, know what you are doing  
and vote with people like me in  
mind. Vote FOR SB 293!  
Remember, I vote too ☺ Thank you!

Signed:

Candie Graham

Testifier

MSBEA

Representing (Optional)

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Address

745-3817

Phone number



# Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the Senate State Affairs Committee name

Committee on SB 293 dated \_\_\_\_\_  
Bill/Subject

I VIRGINIA H LACHELT Support SB 293. There IS NOT ENOUGH INFO. ON SB 141. WE NEED MORE DATA ON HOW THIS WILL EFFECT FUTURE RETIREES WE NEED MORE INFORMATION ON THE COST OF LIVING OR THE RISING HEALTH COST. I AM UPSET THAT ALL OF THE MATSU VALLEY REPRESENTATIVES SUPPORTED SB 141 AND WILL NOT FORGET IT.

Signed it.  
Testifier VIRGINIA H. LACHELT

MSBEA  
Representing (Optional)

3300 ESCONDIDO  
Address WASILLA, AK 99654

Phone number 907 373 3785.



# Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the Senate State Affairs  
Committee name

Committee on SB 293, dated 4/24/00  
Bill/Subject

I am in support of SB 293 to delay implementation  
by 2 years  
- there is no good data regarding cost  
- the impact is less than 141 impacts currently  
- the implementation is 141 and impact is 141

Signed: Christina Walker  
Testifier

Representing (Optional) \_\_\_\_\_  
12445 Superior Drive Anchorage AK 99505  
Address

907 745-6555  
Phone number



# Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the

Senate State Affairs

Committee name

Committee on

SB 293

, dated \_\_\_\_\_

Bill/Subject

I support SB 293 to delay the implementation of SB 141 by 2 years.

We have no estimate as to how much SB 141 will lessen the pension deficit.

Health care costs have contributed more to the pension deficit than the pension plan.

I am a single person family & I depend on my retirement to be funded for my future retirement.

Signed:

Debbie Dietrich (MANLOR)

Testifier

Representing (Optional)

PO Box 1142

Address

PALMER, AK 99645

Phone number



# Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the Senate State Affairs  
Committee name

Committee on SB 293, dated \_\_\_\_\_  
Bill/Subject

It is my request that the implementation of Senate Bill 141 be delayed. At this time, the impact of this bill is not known. It seems quite possible that the long term impact of this bill would be negative both in terms of the state's ability to recruit quality employees and the reduction or elimination of the COLA.

Please pass Senate Bill 293 to allow enough time to fully evaluate the ramifications.

Signed:

*[Signature]*

Testifier

Representing (Optional)

PO 18752

Palme AK 99145

Address

Phone number



# Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the Senate State Affairs  
Committee name

Committee on SB 293, dated \_\_\_\_\_  
Bill/Subject

I am a 21 yr employee of the Mat-Su Borough and have seen steady decline of benefits over the last few years. I strongly support passage of SB 293 to delay the implementation of the hastily passed SB 141.

Signed: Karen Rogers  
Testifier

MSBEA  
Representing (Optional)

PO Box 756 Palmer AK 99645  
Address

745-4567  
Phone number



# Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the

Senate State Affairs

Committee name

Committee on

SB 293

, dated \_\_\_\_\_

Bill/Subject

I support SB 293 which delays implementation of SB 141. Please allow time to find a proper solution.

Signed:

Rodney Hoskinson

Testifier

Representing (Optional)

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Address

907-745-2867

Phone number

April 24, 2006

The Honorable Lyda Green  
State Capitol  
Juneau, AK 99801

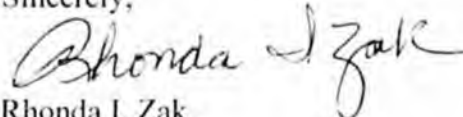
Dear Senator Green:

I write today in support of SB 293. I am a member of Local 6136 and our organization supports this bill.

I am nearing retirement age and would very much like to see my employment with the State be of some value to me when I do retire. If SB 141 goes into affect, there is no guarantee that my retirement will be there for me. More importantly, there is more of a guarantee that it won't be, because the legislation was not prepared in a manner that would failure proof the current system. I am a vested Tier 2 employee, so the loss of *any* retirement benefits could be a significant impact on myself and my family.

I would like to thank you in advance for your support of SB 293.

Sincerely,



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# Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the Senate State Affairs  
Committee name

Committee on SB 293, dated Apr 24, 2006  
Bill/Subject

*Please support SB 293.*

Signed: Shonda Izak  
Testifier

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I support the passage of this bill because it will allow time for solutions to the retirement shortfall to be carefully crafted.

If this bill does not pass I could see larger and larger portions of my paycheck being used to fund the retirement system as current employees retire. No new employees would be taking their place in the system. As I have only been a government employee in Alaska for 4 1/2 years I could wind up with an exceptionally large out-of-pocket burden in a few years.

I cannot afford this!!!

Signed:  Erik Johnson  
Testifier

Representing (Optional)

416 N Chugach St. Palmer, Ak 99645  
Address

907-746-1872  
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# Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the Senate State Affairs  
Committee name

Committee on SB 293, dated April 24, 2006  
Bill/Subject

I support Senate Bill 293 which  
would delay the implementation  
of Senate Bill 141 by two (2) years.

Signed: [Signature]  
Testifier

Representing (Optional)  
2125 Delaware Circle, Wasilla, AK 99644  
Address

Phone number



# Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the

Senate State Affairs

Committee name

Committee on

SB 293

, dated

20 August

Bill Subject

*Please support SB 293*

*If not approved this will affect my*

*retirement and my family's livelihood.*

Signed:

Testifier

*[Signature]*  
*Arthur J. Peltola*

Representing (Optional)

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*PO Box 11,25, 121100 AK 99645*

Phone number

*907-746-3379*



# Alaska State Legislature

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Committee name

Committee on SB 293, dated \_\_\_\_\_  
Bill/Subject

This message is in opposition to HB 141  
and in support of SB 293.

I am a member of local 6136 and we  
support this Bill

This Bill will affect the retirement  
of myself and my spouse. It will also  
affect the future money I can spend  
in our community.

We need your support on SB 293  
I'll be reviewing the roll call on  
HB 141 come election time.

Signed: Dr Harry L. Banks  
Testifier

Representing (Optional)

9582 Rappe Circle, Willow, AK, 99688  
Address

907 495-8544  
Phone number



# Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the Senate State Affairs Committee name

Committee on SB 293 Bill/Subject, dated 4/24/00

I support Bill 293

There is not enough information regarding bill 141 on the impact of future & present retirees. It has been said that the people testifying were not in support of bill 141. We need more information before bill 141 is put into effect. We are also aware that all Valley representation in Juneau voted for 141.

Signed: Lore Robinson Testifier

MSBEA Representing (Optional)

PO Box 2441 Palmer AK 99645 Address

907-746-2427 Phone number



# Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the Senate State Affairs  
Committee name

Committee on SB 293 dated \_\_\_\_\_  
Bill/Subject

I support SB 293.

We need more information on SB 141.  
Public testimony did NOT have a majority  
for passage. How will 141 effect newer  
members?

Let's move slower, review the information  
and answer our questions.

Signed: Barbara Ramondi  
Testifier

MSBEA  
Representing (Optional)

PO Box 3408 Palmer, AK 99645  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone number



# Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the

Senate State Affairs

Committee name

Committee on

SB 293

Bill/Subject

, dated

4/24/06

Please support Senator Kim Eiton's  
SB 293, delaying the implementation  
of SB 141 by two years

Signed:

Krista Brauner

Testifier

Representing (Optional)

P.O. Box 383 Palmer, AK 99645

Address

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Phone number



# Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the

Senate State Affairs

Committee name

Committee on

SB 293

Bill/Subject

dated

4/24/06

Slow down and wait until we have good data.  
Please support Senator Kim Elton's (Juneau) Senate  
Bill 293 which would delay the implementation  
of Senate Bill 141 by two years.

Signed:

Janise Hansen

Testifier

Representing (Optional)

HC 34 Box 2567

Warilla AK 99654

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Phone number