

**MINUTES OF THE
HOUSE RETIREMENT AND INDEPENDENT ENTITIES
STANDING COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, February 1, 2017 • 1:15 p.m. • 250 State Capitol

Members Present:

Rep. LaVar Christensen, Chair
Rep. Timothy D. Hawkes, Vice Chair
Rep. Susan Duckworth
Rep. Steve Eliason
Rep. Lynn N. Hemingway
Rep. Jefferson Moss
Rep. Lee B. Perry

Rep. Marie H. Poulson

Members Absent:

Rep. Daniel McCay

Staff Present:

Mr. Alex R. Janak, Policy Analyst
Ms. Karen C. Allred, Committee Secretary

Note: A list of others present, a copy of related materials, and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at le.utah.gov.

Chair Christensen called the meeting to order at 1:24 p.m.

The committee made introductions.

1. H.B. 165 Higher Education Retirement Amendments (*Westwood, J.*)

Rep. Westwood presented the bill.

Mr. Rich Cunningham, former Representative, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Perry moved to pass H.B. 165 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 7-0-2.

Yeas:

Rep. L. Christensen
Rep. S. Eliason
Rep. T. Hawkes
Rep. L. Hemingway
Rep. J. Moss
Rep. L. Perry
Rep. M. Poulson

Nays:

Abs:

Rep. S. Duckworth
Rep. D. McCay

2. S.B. 19 Retirement Systems Payments to Survivors Amendments (*Dayton, M.*)

Sen. Dayton presented the bill with the assistance of Mr. Dee Larsen, General Counsel, Utah Retirement Systems

MOTION: Rep. Duckworth moved to pass S.B. 19 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 8-0-1.

Yeas:

Nays:

Abs:

Rep. L. Christensen
Rep. S. Duckworth
Rep. S. Eliason
Rep. T. Hawkes
Rep. L. Hemingway
Rep. J. Moss
Rep. L. Perry
Rep. M. Poulson

Rep. D. McCay

3. S.B. 20 Phased Retirement Amendments (*Hemmert, D.*)

Sen. Hemmert presented the bill.

Mr. Dee Larsen, General Counsel, Utah Retirement System, spoke to the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Hemingway moved to pass S.B. 20 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 8-0-1.

Yeas:

Nays:

Abs:

Rep. L. Christensen
Rep. S. Duckworth
Rep. S. Eliason
Rep. T. Hawkes
Rep. L. Hemingway
Rep. J. Moss
Rep. L. Perry
Rep. M. Poulson

Rep. D. McCay

4. H.C.R. 13 Concurrent Resolution for Public Employees' Benefit and Insurance Program (*Dunnigan, J.*)

Rep. Dunnigan presented the bill with the assistance of Chet Loftis, Director, Public Employees Health Plan (PEHP).

MOTION: Rep. Hawkes moved to amend H.C.R. 13 with Amendment #2 as follows:

0. *Page 3, Lines 61 through 67:*

- 61 (3) modify the HSA-qualified Utah Basic Plus Plan so that:
62 (a) the deductible is \$3,500 for single coverage and \$7,000 for double and family
63 coverage;
64 (b) the maximum out-of-pocket is { ~~-\$6,500-~~ \$6,550 for single coverage,
\$13,100 for double
65 coverage, and \$13,100 for family coverage; and
66 (c) the HSA contribution is \$1,375 for single coverage and \$2,750 for double and
67 family coverage;

0. *Page 3, Lines 71 through 72:*

- 71 (5) return excess reserves in the state's dental risk pool on or before June 30, 2017, of
72 about { ~~-\$3.5-~~ \$3.8 million so that remaining pool reserves equal
approximately 60 days of premium.

The motion passed with a vote of 7-0-2.

Yeas:

Rep. L. Christensen
Rep. S. Duckworth
Rep. S. Eliason
Rep. T. Hawkes
Rep. L. Hemingway
Rep. J. Moss
Rep. M. Poulson

Nays:

Abs:

Rep. D. McCay
Rep. L. Perry

MOTION: Rep. Eliason moved to pass H.C.R. 13 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 7-0-2.

Yeas:

Rep. L. Christensen
Rep. S. Duckworth
Rep. S. Eliason
Rep. T. Hawkes
Rep. L. Hemingway
Rep. J. Moss
Rep. M. Poulson

Nays:

Abs:

Rep. D. McCay
Rep. L. Perry

MOTION: Rep. Duckworth moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 8-0-1.
Voting in the affirmative were:

Yeas:

Rep. L. Christensen
Rep. S. Duckworth
Rep. S. Eliason
Rep. T. Hawkes
Rep. L. Hemingway
Rep. J. Moss
Rep. L. Perry
Rep. M. Poulson

Nays:

Abs:

Rep. D. McCay

Chair Christensen adjourned the meeting at 1:59 p.m.