



MINUTES

RETIREMENT AND INDEPENDENT ENTITIES

APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

Tuesday, January 29, 2019 | 5:00 p.m. | 20 House Building

Members Present:

Sen. Wayne A. Harper, Senate Chair
Rep. Craig Hall, House Chair
Rep. Adam Robertson, House Vice Chair
Sen. Karen Mayne
Sen. Todd Weiler
Rep. Susan Duckworth
Rep. Lee B. Perry
Rep. Marie H. Poulson
Rep. Lawanna Shurtliff
Rep. Logan Wilde

Members Absent:

Sen. Gene Davis
Sen. Lincoln Fillmore
Sen. Keith Grover
Sen. Daniel Hemmert
Rep. Jefferson Moss

Staff Present:

Ms. Lorna Wells, Session Secretary
Dr. Thomas E. Young, Senior Economist/
Forecaster

Note: A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

1 . 5:00 - 5:05 p.m. Welcome/Call to Order

House Chair Hall called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

2 . 5:05 - 5:30 p.m. Utah Retirement System (URS) overview and discussion of short- term/long-term priorities

Mr. Dan Anderson, Executive Director, Utah Retirement Systems gave an overview of URS.

[URS \(2019\)](#)

Rep. Robertson asked if public school teachers are required to be part of Utah Retirement Systems and about benchmarks. Mr. Anderson responded.

Mr. Anderson discussed the URS benefit structure.

Chair Hall asked if certain benefits were taxable. Mr. Anderson responded.

Rep. Robertson asked if these went into 401K or 457s. Mr. Anderson explained that this is part of the defined benefit plan.

Rep. Perry asked why public safety employees seemed to take a bigger percentage cut. Mr. Anderson responded.

Rep. Duckworth asked why Public Safety was different. Mr. Anderson responded.

Mr. Anderson continued his presentation regarding URS benefit funding.

Sen. Harper asked to have a chart prepared with the firefighters and public safety employees broken out. Mr. Anderson will prepare that information for committee members.

Chair Hall asked about non-governmental employers who participate with URS. Mr. Anderson responded and continued with his presentation.

3 . 5:30 - 6:00 p.m. Public Employee Health Program (PEHP) overview and discussion of short-term/long-term priorities

Mr. Chet Loftis, Managing Director, Public Employees Health Benefits gave an overview of PEHP.

Mr. Loftis discussed some recent initiatives and the new online member tool available at PEHP.

Sen. Harper asked about the pharmacy tourism program. Mr. Loftis responded.

Sen. Mayne asked if the pharmacy tourism program included medical services. Mr. Loftis responded that this is not the case right now.

Rep. Robertson complimented PEHP on the new tool and asked a clarifying question. Mr. Loftis responded.

Mr. Loftis discussed tools that they discuss with employers.

Mr. Loftis discussed upcoming Issues in healthcare.

Rep. Poulsen asked if it is up to members to find out about lower-cost options. Mr. Lofits stated that they are trying to educate members and providers.

Rep. Perry complimented Mr. Lofits on the great work PEHP is doing.

MOTION: Rep. Perry moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 7.

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Rep. S. Duckworth
Rep. C. Hall
Sen. W. Harper
Sen. K. Mayne
Rep. L. Perry
Rep. M. Poulson
Rep. L. Shurtliff
Sen. T. Weiler

Nays-0

Absent-7

Sen. G. Davis
Sen. L. Fillmore
Sen. K. Grover
Sen. D. Hemmert
Rep. J. Moss
Rep. A. Robertson
Rep. L. Wilde

House Chair Hall adjourned the meeting at 6:04 p.m.