



April 7, 2005  
Room 15 Capitol

5<sup>th</sup> Meeting

LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION ON PENSIONS AND RETIREMENT

MINUTES

**Call to order:**

Senator Lawrence Pogemiller, Chair of the Legislative Commission on Pensions and Retirement, called the meeting to order at 8:08 a.m.

**Commission Members Present:**

Representatives Mary Murphy, Dennis Ozment, Steve Smith, and Lynn Wardlow  
Senators Don Betzold, Keith Langseth, Cal Larson, Geoff Michel, and Lawrence Pogemiller

**Commission Members Absent:**

Representative Paul Thissen

**Agenda Items**

**S.F. 1834 (Michel); H.F. 2080 (Smith): State Patrol Retirement Plan; Member Definition Expanded to Include Commerce Department Division of Insurance Fraud Prevention Employees**

Senator Michel moved the delete-all amendment. **MOTION PREVAILED.**

Gary LaVasseur, Enforcement Director, Department of Commerce, testified in support of the bill and that they anticipate five to eight people would be affected by the bill and there is only one current employee.

Matthew Hodapp, State Patrol, testified in support of the bill.

Senator Michel moved S.F. 1834; H.F. 2080, as amended, be recommended for inclusion in the omnibus retirement bill. **MOTION PREVAILED.**

**S.F. 2038 (Michel); H.F. 2173 (Larson): Bloomington Fire; Funding Deadline Extended and Interest Rate Assumption Increased**

Edward Burek, Deputy Director, Legislative Commission on Pensions and Retirement, reviewed the staff memo and policy issues raised by the bill.

Mark Bernhardson, Bloomington City Manager, testified in support of the bill and in support of amendment LCPR05-214., and that they are willing to take a rolling average but request a 20-year rolling average.

Senator Michel moved amendment LCPR05-214. **MOTION PREVAILED.**

Senator Michel moved amendment LCPOR05-211, amended on page 1, line 10, to delete "ten" and insert "20". **MOTION PREVAILED.**

Senator Betzold moved amendment LCPR05-208. **MOTION PREVAILED.**

Senator Michel moved S.F. 2038; H.F. 2173, as amended, be recommended for inclusion in the omnibus retirement bill. **MOTION PREVAILED.**

**S.F. 2139 (Pogemiller); H.F. xxx: MSRS-Correctional; Process for Recommending Additional Membership Inclusions**

Lawrence Martin, Executive Director, Legislative Commission on Pensions and Retirement, reviewed the staff memo and policy issues raised by the bill, and reviewed amendment LCPR05-229.

Chris Brown, Assistant Commissioner, Department of Corrections, testified in support of the bill.

Ruth Dahl, Department of Human Services, testified in support of the bill.

Sharon McMurray, Department of Human Services, testified in support of the bill.

Senator Betzold moved amendment LCPR05-229. **MOTION PREVAILED.**

Julie Bleyhl, Legislative Director, AFSCME Council 5, testified in support of amendment LCPR05-229.

Representative Murphy moved S.F. 2139, as amended, be recommended for inclusion in the omnibus retirement bill. **MOTION PREVAILED.**

**S.F. 235 (Betzold); H.F. 372 (Westerberg): PERA-P&F; Coverage for Blaine, Spring Lake Park & Mounds View Firefighters and Emergency Responders**

Mr. Martin reviewed the staff memo and policy issues raised by the bill.

Nyle Zikmund, Spring Lake Park-Blaine-Moundsview Fire Chief, testified in support of the bill.

Brian Rice, attorney representing Spring Lake Park-Blaine-Moundsview Fire Department, testified in support of the bill.

Mary Vanek, Executive Director, PERA, testified that page 1, lines 25-26, are not necessary.

Senator Betzold moved to amend S.F. 235; H.F. 372 on page 1, delete lines 25 to 26. **MOTION PREVAILED.**

Senator Betzold moved amendment LCPR05-105. **MOTION PREVAILED.**

Senator Betzold moved amendment LCPR05-226. **MOTION PREVAILED.**

Senator Betzold moved amendment LCPR05-107. **MOTION PREVAILED.**

Ms. Vanek testified that PERA does not support the bill because they are concerned about opening police and fire coverage to individuals whose primary position is not a police or fire position.

The bill was laid over.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 a.m.

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Lisa Diesslin, Administrative Secretary