

HB 5034

Public Employees Retirement System

HB 5034 is the budget bill for the Public Employees Retirement System. PERS administers the retirement plans that cover most of Oregon's public employees. It also administers self-pay health care plans for qualified retirees.

The General Government Subcommittee approved a total budget of \$9.8 billion Other Funds. Over \$9.7 billion of the total is for benefit payments to retirees. The operational portion of the budget totals \$95.5 million and is a 8.3% increase from the 2013-15 legislatively approved budget. The budget includes 380 positions for 380 FTE.

The budget adds resources to address workload issues, verification of member data, information technology needs, and the recent Supreme Court decision on benefit reform.

The budget report includes three budget notes. The first directs PERS to report on any change to the assumed earnings rate. The second directs PERS to conduct a review of its statutory benefit structure to identify recommendations for simplifying and reducing the costs in anticipation of a future information technology upgrade. The final budget note directs the agency to address issues related to its disaster recovery and business continuity efforts.

The Subcommittee approved the agency's key performance measures and targets.

The General Government Subcommittee recommends HB 5034 be amended by the -1 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.