



FIRE AND POLICE DISABILITY AND RETIREMENT City of Portland, Oregon



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House Committee On Rules

Re: HB 3111

Statement in Support of HB 3111

Dear Chair Fahey and members of the Committee,

I am writing on behalf of the City of Portland's Fire and Police Disability and Retirement Plan (FPDR Plan) to provide comment on HB 3111.

City of Portland firefighters and police officers hired before January 2007 will receive or are receiving retirement benefits from the FPDR Plan, not Oregon PERS. Firefighters and police officers hired after December 2006 will receive retirement benefits from the PERS OPSRP program.

Per Oregon Public Records law, ORS 192.355, all retiree addresses, telephone numbers, nonfinancial membership records, and employee financial records maintained by PERS are exempt from public disclosure. In addition, the personal information of all active-duty firefighters and police officers is conditionally exempt from disclosure per ORS 192.345(31)

However, the personal information of retired firefighters and police officers and their surviving spouses under the FPDR Plan is not protected by the Oregon Public Record statutes and is not exempt from public disclosure. Information including home addresses, telephone numbers, nonfinancial membership records, and employee financial records are considered public information and subject to release to the public via a public records request. Upon receipt of a public records request, FPDR will have to release the personal information of FPDR Plan retirees.

As an aside, the personal information of firefighters and police officers hired by the City of Portland after December 2006 is exempt from public release as they are members of the PERS system.

I strongly believe that the personal information of the FPDR Plan retirees should receive the same protection as PERS retirees, active-duty firefighters, and police officers. Therefore, I urge the passage of HB 3111.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'SH', written in a cursive style.

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