



Chair Taylor, Vice Chair Hayden and members of the Committee,

We are writing to express concern regarding SB 1569 and its potential fiscal impact on cities.

SB 1569 raises fiscal and budgeting concerns by expanding PERS police officer classification beyond traditional sworn positions. Police PERS status carries materially higher employer contribution rates and creates significant long-term liabilities for public employers.

Without a narrowly defined scope, a full actuarial analysis, and clear protections against unfunded mandates, this bill risks imposing permanent cost increases on cities. These costs cannot be mitigated through collective bargaining or local policy decisions and would significantly impact municipal budgets and long-term financial planning.

Cities rely on predictability and clarity in PERS classifications to manage staffing and retirement obligations responsibly. Expanding eligibility without clearly defined limits and fiscal safeguards creates uncertainty and exposes local governments to ongoing financial risk.

The City respectfully requests that SB 1569 be amended to clearly limit its applicability, include a comprehensive actuarial analysis, and address the fiscal impacts on local governments before moving forward.

Thank you for your consideration of these concerns.

Sincerely,

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