

1 that the state has an absolute duty to protect the rights of its citizens and understands that all revenue used to
2 pay for public services, including retirement system contributions, comes from and is derived from its citizens;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of our state and its future financial viability to ensure that
5 recommendations related to its public employee retirement systems will not only support and promote
6 necessary governmental services and the public employees who provide those services, but also recognize the
7 financial burden placed on its citizens to support those services and employees.

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9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
10 THE STATE OF MONTANA:

11 That the Legislative Council be requested to assign the study pursuant to the ranking process
12 described in section 5-5-217, MCA, to the State Administration and Veterans' Affairs Interim Committee and
13 that the committee be requested to:

- 14 (1) study the financial stability of Montana's defined benefit public employee retirement systems;
- 15 (2) use the assistance of independent certified professional actuaries, if funding is made available by
16 the Legislature for the actuarial services;
- 17 (3) investigate the actuarial impact on funded ratios and amortization schedules of alternative funding
18 policies for determining required contributions and consider selected scenarios, recognizing the funding
19 sources for and the relative health or weakness of these unique systems;
- 20 (4) review and study the governance structure of the public employee retirement systems;
- 21 (5) examine legislative education, oversight, and goals concerning the public employee retirement
22 systems, including decision benchmarks or indicators for future action; and
- 23 (6) develop recommendations for a long-term strategic approach to setting contribution rates that will
24 ensure the financial strength and resilience of the retirement systems while recognizing the responsibility
25 placed on the taxpayers and citizens of this state.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the State Administration and Veterans' Affairs Interim Committee
27 invite two members of the Legislative Finance Committee, a Senate member and a House of Representatives
28 member, one from the majority party and one from the minority party, to participate with, but not be voting

1 members of, the State Administration and Veterans' Affairs Interim Committee on matters related to this study.

2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Legislative Services Division provide research, legal, and
3 administrative staff support for the State Administration and Veterans' Affairs Interim Committee in accordance
4 with section 5-11-112(1)(d)(i), MCA, and that the State Administration and Veterans' Affairs Interim Committee
5 presiding officer may request that the Legislative Fiscal Division provide fiscal analysis as needed in
6 accordance with section 5-12-302(5), MCA.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the study be conducted and the recommendations be developed in
8 consultation with all interested stakeholders, including but not limited to representatives of:

- 9 (a) the state's taxpayers;
- 10 (b) active and retired members of the retirement systems;
- 11 (c) employers, including local governments, school districts, and state agencies;
- 12 (d) key agencies, including the Governor's office, the retirement boards, and the Board of
13 Investments; and
- 14 (e) other interested parties as considered appropriate.

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all aspects of the study, including presentation and review
16 requirements, be concluded prior to September 15, 2022.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the final results of the study, including any findings, conclusions,
18 comments, or recommendations, be reported to the 68th Legislature.

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