

Proposed 2023 Session Legislation

Agency Name & No: Public Employees' Retirement Board / 6104

Priority Number: 2 Filename: 6104\23-002

Short Title: GWPORS Funding

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1. Purpose:

Address the funding of the Game Wardens' and Peace Officers' Retirement System (GWPORS) through exploring additional funding sources and/or increased employer contributions.

2. Background:

As of the June 30, 2021 actuarial valuation, contributions within the GWPORS system are not meeting the annual required contribution threshold to ensure the plan's actuarial soundness. The Montana Constitution at Article VIII, sec. 15 and state statute at 19-2-409, MCA requires the system to be "actuarially sound" and able to amortize the unfunded actuarial accrued liability of the system within 30 years.

3. Fiscal Impact by Fund Type:

This impact should be as specific as possible including dollar amounts, funding source, and FTE (if known).

In May of 2022, an Experience Study will be conducted for the five-year period ending June 20, 2021 with economic and demographic assumption recommendations being made to the Public Employees' Retirement Board. It is possible that an actuarial valuation to be completed in October 2022 coupled with the adoption of new assumptions under the Experience Study, will impact the amortization period of the system moving forward which will require the Board to bring a funding bill for GWPORS during this upcoming legislative session.

4. Summary Checklist [Check & complete all that apply]--

Housekeeping Only Federal Requirement Audit Recommendation (Audit No.) 20-08B Major Legislation

Anticipated to be Controversial Legislation Bill Draft has been included in Legislation Submittal (if available)

Supports Submitted EPP Item No: Local Government Fiscal Impact

Implements Red Tape Relief Initiative

Leg. has been Submitted in Previous Legislative Sessions (list priority no, LC no, or bill no): HB 44, HB 128, HB 136

Legislation would affect other state agencies (list): Corrections, FWP, Livestock, Transportation, Universities

Special Interest Groups Affected (list): MGWA, MSPOA

Other: