

# 2021-2022 SAVA COMMITTEE BILLS

STATE ADMINISTRATION AND VETERAN'S AFFAIRS INTERIM COMMITTEE  
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## PUBLIC RETIREMENT SYSTEMS

### HB 119: Provide funding for public safety pension systems

Provide OTO appropriations to HPORS (\$27.6M), SRS (\$26.8M), and GWPORS (\$52.8M) so each amortizes in 25 years or less; Increase the GWPORS employer contribution rate to make it the same as the employee contribution rate (9% to 10.56%); Total appropriation of \$107.2M

No amendments; passed House State Admin, passed House 2<sup>nd</sup> reading, and was tabled in House Appropriations

The appropriations and GWPORS employer contribution increase were amended into [HB 569](#); GWPORS appropriation amount was decreased to \$41.2M; Total appropriation of \$95.6M

In addition to the provisions added from HB 119, HB 569 also moves JRS, HPORS, SRS, and GWPORS to an actuarially determined employer contribution rate and a layered amortization model and adds an age requirement to the retirement eligibility criteria for HPORS and SRS

HB 119 was tabled in committee

HB 569 was passed by the Legislature and signed by the Governor

### SB 18: Add benefit policy statement to pension systems

Adds the following policy statement to the start of each defined benefit pension system chapter in the MCA: "It is the policy of the state that additional benefits may not be added to the [PENSION SYSTEM NAME] unless the system amortizes in 30 years or less and the additional benefit is projected to be fully funded in perpetuity"

No amendments; passed by Senate and House

Passed by the Legislature and signed by the Governor

**SB 29: Increase and extend the PERS supplemental employer contribution**

<p>Extends the supplemental PERS-DB employer contribution end date from 2024 to 2034 found at 19-3-316, MCA and increases the amount by 0.1% each year (total of 1% increase over 10 years)</p>	<p>No amendments; passed Senate State Admin, Senate Finance &amp; Claims, Senate Floor, House State Admin, House 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading, and was tabled in House Appropriations</p> <p>A similar provision was amended into <a href="#">HB 226</a> during free conference committee; the amendment set the employer contribution rate for PERS at 9.29% for FY 24 and set it at 9.39% thereafter; HB 226 died in process</p>	<p>SB 29 was tabled in committee</p> <p>HB 226 died in process</p>
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**SJ 4: Provide for interim study of PERS and TRS**

<p>Requests an interim study of the public pension systems, building off the 21-22 study, and focusing more specifically on the PERS-DB and TRS systems.</p>	<p>No amendments; passed by Senate and House</p>	<p>Passed by the Legislature and assigned to SAVA by Legislative Council</p>
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**ELECTIONS AND BALLOT INITIATIVES****SB 56: Revising ballot initiative petition forms for consistency with the constitution**

<p>Updates the required language on the petition to place an initiative on the ballot and the petition to place a constitutional amendment on the ballot</p>	<p>No amendments; passed Senate State Admin, Senate Floor, House State Admin, and House Floor</p>	<p>Passed by the Legislature and signed by the Governor</p>
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**SB 93: Generally revising ballot issues**

<p>Defines the various types of statewide initiatives; revises submission and processing timelines for statewide initiatives</p>	<p>Amended in Senate State Admin (<a href="#">SB 93.2</a>) to add a nonrefundable \$3700 filing fee for a statewide initiative and provide a waiver process for financial hardship, to prohibit the submission of a ballot issue substantially similar to one that failed in the previous 4 years, to add a fiscal note process, to</p>	<p>Passed by the Legislature and signed by the Governor</p>
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	<p>revise the AG's legal sufficiency review process, to clarify the interim committee review process, to prohibit electronic signatures on petitions, to clarify the timeline and transmittal process between the SOS and LSD, and to add a severability clause</p> <p>Amended in House State Admin (<a href="#">SB 93.3</a>) to clarify the timeline for SOS to transmit to other entities</p> <p>Passed Senate State Admin, Senate Finance &amp; Claims, Senate Floor, House State Admin, House Appropriations, and House Floor</p>	
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