



Retirement Board Order

Sacramento County Employees' Retirement System

Before the Board of Retirement
March 15, 2023

AGENDA ITEM:

**State Association of County Retirement Systems Legislative Update—
March 2023**

THE BOARD OF RETIREMENT hereby approves Staff's recommendation to receive and file the State Association of County Retirement Systems (SACRS) Legislative Update.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the above order was passed and adopted on March 15, 2023 by the following vote of the Board of Retirement, to wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

ALTERNATES:
(Present but not voting)

Keith DeVore
Board President

Eric Stern
Chief Executive Officer and
Board Secretary



March 2, 2023

TO: State Association of County Retirement Systems

FROM: Edelstein Gilbert Robson & Smith, LLC

RE: **Legislative Update – March 2023**

General Update

The bill introduction deadline was on February 17. By this date, over 2,600 bills were introduced. Many of these bills are “spot” or “intent” bills that do not yet have substantive language and are serving as placeholders until formal bill language is finalized. For these bills to move forward, they will need to be amended with substantive language before being heard in a policy committee.

Legislation of Interest

AB 1020 (Grayson) – CERL Spot Bill. While this bill does not have substantive language at this point in time, we have heard that the author intends to pursue a bill that relates to firefighters and disability retirement. We will keep the Legislative Committee apprised of any movements on this proposal.

AB 739 (Lackey) – PEPPRA Defined Benefit Funding. Under the requirements for suspending contributions to a defined benefit plan, this bill would increase the threshold percentage amount of plan funding from more than 120 percent to more than 130 percent. However, after inquiring about the bill, the author’s office informed us that the bill is a “spot” bill (placeholder bill) that will not be moving this year.

SB 252 (Gonzalez) – PERS and STRS Fossil Fuel Divestment. Senator Gonzalez reintroduced her SB 1173 from last session. Like last year, this bill applies to CalPERS and CalSTRS and prohibits the retirement systems from renewing or making new investments in fossil fuel companies as well as requiring them to liquidate existing investments by July 1, 2030, among other requirements. The bill was introduced as part of package of climate legislation.

Public Meeting Bills

Since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, teleconferencing flexibilities have become a subject of interest in California’s Legislature, with local government

groups sponsoring various bills on the topic since 2021. This session is no exception, and a handful of bills have been introduced:

AB 557 (Hart) - AB 361 Sunset Extension. This bill would remove the sunset established in AB 361 (R. Rivas) as well as increase the time period when the Board must renew the findings of an emergency or need for social distancing from 30 days to 45 days. The provisions would allow Boards to utilize the flexibilities during times of public health emergencies.

SB 411 (Portantino) - Teleconferencing for Appointed Bodies. This bill would allow local legislative bodies with appointed members to use teleconferencing indefinitely regardless of the presence of an emergency. We have heard however that the author intends for this bill to apply only to Los Angeles Neighborhood Councils.

Bills without substantive language:

SB 537 (Becker) - Intent for Brown Act Teleconference Flexibilities. Senator Becker introduced a bill that declares his intent to expand public meetings through teleconference and remote access. We will monitor the bill for when substantive language is included.

AB 817 (Pacheco) – Open Meetings Spot Bill. Assemblymember Pacheco introduced a spot bill on open meetings. The bill does not yet have substantive language, and like SB 537, we will monitor for amendments.