



## Pension and Health Benefits Committee Agenda Item 8

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June 20, 2017

**Item Name:** Federal Health Care Policy Representative Update

**Program:** Health Benefits

**Item Type:** Information

### **Executive Summary**

The California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) Federal Health Care Policy Representatives, Avenue Solutions and Jennings Policy Strategies (a joint venture), are providing a written and oral federal legislative update covering recent developments on issues of interest to CalPERS and related activities.

### **Strategic Plan**

This agenda item supports Goal C of the 2012-17 Strategic Plan, because the Health Care Policy Representatives are key components in CalPERS ability to engage in national policy development to enhance the long-term sustainability and effectiveness of our programs.

### **Background**

Avenue Solutions and Jennings Policy Strategies provide consultation and representation to CalPERS on federal proposals potentially impacting CalPERS health care benefit programs. This includes assisting in the development and implementation of strategies to accomplish CalPERS priorities. This written report covers relevant developments in Washington, D.C. on issues of interest to CalPERS.

### **Budget and Fiscal Impacts**

Not Applicable.

### **Benefits and Risks**

Not Applicable.

### **Attachments**

Attachment 1 – Avenue Solutions and Jennings Policy Strategies May 2017 Report

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