

**LEGISLATIVE HIGHLIGHTS
PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM
BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION
August 15, 2012**

Bill Number/Author

AB 276 (Alejo) Amended: 6/19/2012

Central Coast Hospital Authority. This bill was amended June 4th to allow Monterey County to establish the Central Coast Hospital Authority (Authority) to take over management of the Natividad Medical Center (NMC), a hospital under the management and control of Monterey County, and requires the Monterey County Board of Supervisors to reach an agreement with at least one other health care facility to merge into, or affiliate with, the Authority. Among other things, it would require the Authority to become a contracting agency of CalPERS in order to maintain retirement benefits for NMC employees who are currently members of the System.

Location: 6/28/2012-Senate Governance and Finance Committee

AB 1819 (Ammiano) Amended: 7/2/2012

Charter School Participation in CalPERS. This bill was amended on July 2nd to include language recommended by CalPERS that would (1) ensure that CalPERS current and future tax-qualified and governmental plan status under federal law is protected; and (2), clarify the reporting relationship and process for enrolling eligible charter schools and their employees in the CalPERS Plan. Based on these amendments CalPERS has changed its official position to Neutral.

Location: Scheduled for hearing 8/6/2012 by the Senate Appropriations Committee.

SB 1006 (Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review)

State Government Budget Trailer Bill. Among other things, establishes from July 1, 2012, to June 30, 2013, the Personal Leave Program 2012 (PLP 2012) that reduces State employee compensation and provides up to eight hours of leave credit per month. The terms of the PLP 2012 for represented State employees are established in ratified MOU addenda, and the Department of Personnel Administration establishes the PLP 2012 terms for excluded employees. It also imposes a one-day per month unpaid furlough on employees in Bargaining Units that do not participate in the PLP 2012.

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Public Safety Budget Trailer Bill. Among other things, clarifies the retired annuitant provisions in the PERL to require that an appointment of a retired CalPERS member by a CalPERS employer, including any made concurrently, shall not exceed a combined total of 960 hours each fiscal year, eliminate extensions to the 960 hour limit for a retired member appointed to a vacant position by a contracting agency, and limit the rate of pay and additional benefits allowed to be provided to specified retired annuitants.

Location: 6/28/12 Chaptered by the Secretary of State, Chapter Number 41, Statutes of 2012

**PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM
BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION
2012 Legislative Year
Legislative Program Update**

Status as of August 2, 2012

A – CalPERS-Sponsored Bills

Bill Number/Author

AB 2142 (Furutani) Amended: 7/2/2012

Board Position: Sponsor

CalPERS Wellness and Risk Adjustment Programs. This bill authorizes CalPERS to implement risk adjustment procedures that adjust and redistribute payments across its health plans based on rules and regulations established by the CalPERS Board of Administration (Board). It also allows the Board to adjust premiums as part of health promotion and disease management programs. Finally, the bill makes changes to the Health Care Fund (HCF) that are necessary to manage the risk adjustment program.

Location: Scheduled for hearing on 8/6/2012 by the Senate Appropriations Committee

SB 987 (Negrete McLeod) Amended: 6/11/2012

Board Position: Sponsor

CalPERS 2012 Omnibus Bill. Would make minor policy and technical changes to the Public Employees' Retirement Law (PERL).

Location: 6/20/2012-Assembly Appropriations Committee

**PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM
BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION
2012 Legislative Year**

Status as of August 2, 2012

B – Other Bills

Bill Number/Author

AB 52 (Feuer) Amended: 6/1/2011

Board Position: Oppose, Unless Amended

Health Care Coverage: Rate Approval. Provides the Department of Managed Health Care (DMHC) and the Department of Insurance (CDI) with regulatory authority to approve, deny or modify excessive rate changes requests by health plans and insurers. It requires plans and insurers to submit explanatory information, allows the departments to hold public hearings and receive public comment on proposed rate changes. The bill also prohibits insurers from implementing rate changes on any product more than once a year.

Location: 9/1/2011-Senate Inactive File

***AB 154 (Beall)** Amended: 1/23/2012

Health Care Coverage: Mental Health Services. Would expand coverage for certain health plans and health insurance policies which are issued, amended, or renewed on or after January 1, 2013, to include the diagnosis and treatment of mental illness as defined in the "Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders IV" (including substance abuse but excluding nicotine dependence and other specified diagnoses). This requirement would not apply to CalPERS health plans, contracts, or health insurance policies unless the Board elects to purchase a plan/contract/policy providing mental health coverage.

Location: 7/6/2012-S. DEAD

***AB 171 (Beall)** Amended: 1/23/2012

Health Care Coverage: Pervasive Developmental Disorder or Autism. Requires health care service plan contracts and health insurance policies to provide coverage for the screening, diagnosis, and treatment, other than behavioral health treatment, of pervasive developmental disorder or autism.

Location: 7/6/2012-S. DEAD

AB 276 (Alejo) Amended: 6/19/2012

Central Coast Hospital Authority. Allows Monterey County to establish the Central Coast Hospital Authority (Authority) to take over management of the Natividad Medical Center (NMC), a hospital under the management and control of Monterey County, and requires the Monterey County Board of Supervisors to reach an agreement with at least one other health care facility to merge into, or affiliate with, the Authority. Among other things, it would require the Authority to become a contracting agency of CalPERS in order to maintain retirement benefits for NMC employees who are currently members of the System.

Location: 6/28/2012-Senate Governance and Finance Committee

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Bill Number/Author

AB 340 (Furutani) Amended: 9/7/2011

Public Employees' Retirement. States legislative intent to convene a Conference Committee to craft responsible, comprehensive legislation to reform State and local pension systems in a manner that reflects both the legitimate needs of public employees and the fiscal circumstances of State and local governments.

Location: 10/13/2011-Conference Committee

AB 344 (Furutani) Amended: 4/25/2011

Board Position: Support

Final Compensation and Post Retirement Employment. Would prohibit exceptions for State, local and school members not in a group or class that allows recognition of increases in compensation earnable beyond increases reported for all employees in the same membership classification and also prohibits a retired annuitant from serving on a temporary or emergency basis without reinstatement beyond the 960 hour per year limit.

Location: 9/9/2011-Senate Inactive File

AB 369 (Huffman) Amended: 7/3/2012

Health Care Coverage: Prescription Drugs. Would impose specified requirements on health care service plans or health insurers that restrict medications for the treatment of pain pursuant to step therapy or fail first protocol. The bill would authorize the duration of any step therapy or fail first protocol to be determined by the prescribing provider and would prohibit a health care service plan or health insurer from requiring that a patient try and fail on more than two pain medications before allowing the patient access to other pain medication prescribed by the prescribing provider, as specified.

Location: Scheduled for hearing on 8/6/2012 by the Senate Appropriations Committee.

***AB 666 (Jeffries)** Amended: 5/9/2012

Special Death Benefit. Authorizes the Special Death Benefit to be payable to the qualifying survivor of a Riverside County Sheriff's Department Correctional Deputy or a Correctional Corporal, if the member's death occurred as a direct result of the performance of his or her official duties.

Location: 7/6/2012-S. DEAD

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Bill Number/Author

AB 1184 (Gatto) Amended: 8/22/2011

Board Position: Neutral

Contracting Agency Liability for Excessive Compensation and Closure of the Replacement Benefits Plan for New Employees. Requires CalPERS to develop guidelines and implement program changes to ensure that a contracting agency that creates a significant increase in actuarial liability for another contracting agency or agencies due to increased compensation it has paid to a nonrepresented employee will bear the associated liability, regardless of when the increase in compensation occurred. It also expresses legislative intent in this regard and requires CalPERS to report to the Legislature on its implementation efforts. In addition, the bill prohibits the CalPERS Board from administering an Internal Revenue Code Section 415 Replacement Benefits Plan for a person who first becomes a CalPERS member on or after January 1, 2013.

Location: 9/9/2011-Assembly Inactive File

***AB 1255 (V. Manuel Pérez)** Amended: 4/26/2011

Board Position: Support

Investments: Corporate Board Candidate Registry Information. Requires the Secretary of State to post, on the next regular Internet website update after January 1, 2012, a link to the Internet Web pages of the California Public Employees' Retirement System, the California State Teachers' Retirement System, or both, that provide information on registries of potential qualified corporate board candidates.

Location: 7/6/2012-S. DEAD

AB 1320 (Allen) Amended: 6/11/2012

Board Position: Oppose, Unless Amended

Last year, the Board voted to oppose AB 1320 (Allen), which would have required CalPERS to establish Rate Stabilization Accounts for all contracting employers. The June 11, 2012 amendments deleted that content from the bill, replacing it with language that authorizes Alcoholic Beverage Control to issue a maximum of 15 new original on-sale general licenses, over a 3-year period, for specified public eating places in Marin County. This bill no longer impacts CalPERS.

Employer Rate Stabilization Accounts. Establishes the Employer Rate Stabilization Fund administered by the CalPERS Board of Administration, effective July 1, 2013, for the purpose of receiving employer payments made to stabilize State and contracting agency employer retirement contributions.

Location: 6/26/2012-Senate Appropriations Committee

***AB 1633 (Wagner)** Introduced: 2/9/2012

Retirement Benefit Limits for New Public Employees. Would prohibit public employees first hired on or after January 1, 2013, from receiving benefits from a public retirement system in excess of \$100,000 annually, if the benefits are not coordinated with Social Security, or from receiving benefits in excess of \$80,000 annually, if they are coordinated with Social Security. These amounts would be adjusted annually based on the Consumer Price Index.

Location: 5/25/2012-A. DEAD

*Did not meet the legislative calendar deadline for passage from policy or fiscal committee; would require rule waivers to be given further consideration in the current year.

Bill Number/Author

***AB 1639 (Hill)** Introduced: 2/13/2012

Retirement: Employer Contribution Limits. Among other things, would require all public retirement systems in California to adhere to the federal compensation limit under Internal Revenue Code, Section 401(a)(17) when calculating retirement benefits for members who first join the retirement system on or after January 1, 2013. It would also prohibit a public employer from making contributions to any qualified public retirement plan based on any portion of compensation that exceeds that limit.

Location: 5/25/2012-A. DEAD

***AB 1641 (Lowenthal, Bonnie)** Introduced: 2/13/2012

Health Care Coverage: Durable Medical Equipment. Would require health care service plan contracts and health insurance policies to provide coverage for durable medical equipment.

Location: 4/27/2012-A. DEAD

***AB 1649 (Smyth)** Amended: 3/29/2012

Benefit Forfeiture: Public Employees. Requires current and future public employees and officials convicted of specified violent and serious felonies relating to their employment to forfeit all rights and benefits in a public retirement system from the earliest date of the commission of the crime, with the member contributions returned, without interest.

Location: 5/25/2012-A. DEAD

***AB 1653 (Cook)** Amended: 4/9/2012

Benefit Forfeiture: At-Will Employees. Requires any at-will employee of an elected public officer who is convicted of any felony involving public money, extortion or theft of public money, perjury, or conspiracy to commit any of those crimes arising directly out of his or her official duties, to forfeit all rights and benefits under, and membership in, any public retirement system in which he or she is a member, effective on the date of final conviction. This would apply to any at-will employee providing services to an elected public officer who takes public office, or is reelected to public office, on or after January 1, 2013.

Location: 5/25/2012-A. DEAD

Bill Number/Author

***AB 1738 (Huffman)** Introduced: 2/16/2012

Health Care Coverage: Tobacco Cessation. Requires health plan contracts and health insurance policies issued, amended, renewed, or delivered on or after January 1, 2013, to provide coverage for two courses of treatment in a 12-month period for tobacco cessation preventive services rated “A” or “B” by the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force, and prohibits health plans and insurers from charging a copayment, coinsurance, or deductible for those services. It also prohibits health plans and insurers from requiring enrollees or insureds to enter counseling in order to receive tobacco cessation medications, or from imposing prior authorization or stepped-care requirements for tobacco cessation treatment.

Location: 4/27/2012-A. DEAD

***AB 1742 (Pan)** Amended: 3/19/2012

Health Care Coverage: Payment of Benefits. Would require group or individual health care service plans, except specialized health care service plans, as defined, to permit an enrollee's assignment of benefits for services rendered by a provider to be paid directly to the provider. It would also require the provider to supply a plan with specified information in order to receive reimbursement.

Location: 4/27/2012-A. DEAD

***AB 1787 (Portantino)** Amended: 3/21/2012

State Employment Salary Freeze. Prohibits State employees whose annual base salary is over \$100,000 and whose terms and conditions of employment are not subject to collective bargaining from receiving a salary increase or a bonus until January 1, 2015, if they remain in their current positions or job classifications. It also requires a sum equal to the savings realized from the freeze to be credited annually to the General Fund and, upon appropriation by the Legislature, used to administer the AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) administered by the State Department of Public Health. Its provisions would not apply to those State Officials whose salaries are set pursuant to the California Constitution.

Location: 4/27/2012-A. DEAD

AB 1819 (Ammiano) Amended: 7/2/2012

Board Position: Neutral

Charter School Participation in CalPERS. Requires charter schools to provide retirement benefits to its eligible employees under the California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) or the California State Teachers' Retirement System (CalSTRS).

Location: Scheduled for hearing on 8/6/2012 by the Senate Appropriations Committee.

Bill Number/Author

***AB 1861 (Olsen)** Amended: 4/10/2012

Benefit Forfeiture: Teachers and School Employees. Establishes a felony crime for a teacher or employee of a K-12 public or private school to engage in a sexual relationship or inappropriate communication with a student of any age attending that school. It also requires any current or future teacher or employee of a K-12 public school convicted of that crime to forfeit all rights and benefits under, and membership in, any public retirement system in which he or she is a member, effective on the date of conviction, and that all member contributions be returned without interest.

Location: 4/27/2012-A. DEAD

***AB 1874 (Mansoor)** Amended: 4/30/2012

Closure of the Legislators' Retirement System to New Members. Prohibits a legislative statutory officer, the Insurance Commissioner or other elective officer of the State elected by the voters or appointed by the Governor that is first elected or appointed to office on or after January 1, 2013, from becoming a member of the Legislators' Retirement System (LRS). It would instead require all legislative statutory officers first elected on or after January 1, 2013 to become optional CalPERS members. It would also exclude the Insurance Commissioner and other elective officers of the State from CalPERS membership

Location: 5/25/2012-A. DEAD

AB 2053 (Allen) Introduced: 2/23/2012

Postemployment Health Benefits: San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District. Would authorize the San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District to make contributions for postretirement health benefits for all members of its governing body, its unrepresented employees, and for any unit of employees whose terms and conditions of employment are determined through collective bargaining, that are first hired on or after July 1, 2013, or a date specified in a bargaining agreement. It would authorize a partial employer contribution for those new employees that perform at least 10 years of credited service with the District, require a full employer contribution for those employees that perform 15 years of service, and authorize employer contributions for employees that retire for disability with lesser years of service. It would also prohibit different eligibility criteria for represented and non-represented employees.

Location: 6/26/2012-Senate Third Reading

AB 2140 (Lara) Introduced: 2/23/2012

State Bargaining Unit 5 Retirement Contribution Rates. Would reduce CalPERS member contribution rates by three percent for State miscellaneous and industrial members of State Bargaining Unit 5.

Location: Scheduled for hearing on 8/6/2012 by the Senate Appropriations Committee.

*Did not meet the legislative calendar deadline for passage from policy or fiscal committee; would require rule waivers to be given further consideration in the current year.

Bill Number/Author

AB 2224 (Smyth) Introduced: 2/24/2012

Pension Reform. Makes various statutory changes necessary to require all State and local government employers to offer public employees first hired on or after July 1, 2013, a hybrid pension plan that provides a combined defined benefit (DB) and defined contribution (DC) retirement benefit, or a specified alternative pension plan option. It also establishes a minimum normal retirement age for safety employees of 57 years old with 30 years of service, and an early retirement age of 52, and for all other employees, establishes a minimum normal retirement age of 67 years old with 35 years of service, and an early retirement age of 57. In addition, the bill prohibits additional retirement service credit purchases, prohibits retroactive pension benefit increases, imposes specified cost sharing requirements on both employees and employers, requires annual normal costs to be paid in each fiscal year, prohibits employers from paying any portion of required employee contributions, imposes benefit forfeiture for job-related felony convictions, imposes limitations on the employment of retired annuitants, increases the retiree health benefit vesting period for State employees, requires State retirees to pay a specified portion of retiree health benefits, and adds two members to the CalPERS Board of Administration. These statutory changes would become operative January 1, 2013, only if a companion constitutional amendment is approved by voters statewide on the November 2012 General Election ballot.

Location: 4/26/2012-Assembly Rules Committee

***AB 2416 (Mansoor)** Introduced: 2/24/2012

Public Retirement Systems Reserve Accounts. Requires any public retirement system that does not maintain a reserve fund to create such a fund, and deposit any excess funds, after payment of unfunded liabilities each fiscal year, in the reserve fund to be used against deficiencies in other fiscal years. It would also prohibit funds in the reserve fund from being used for the payment of benefits.

Location: 5/11/2012-A. DEAD

***AB 2428 (Hagman)** Introduced: 2/24/2012

CalPERS Membership Ban for Local Elected Officials. Would prohibit a person elected to a local office of any kind, or a person who is appointed to fill an elected local office, on or after January 1, 2013, from becoming a member of the California Public Employees' Retirement System or acquiring any retirement right or benefit under the System for serving in that office. This prohibition would not apply to an elected local official who held office prior to January 1, 2013, and remains in, or is reelected to that office.

Location: 4/27/2012-A. DEAD

*Did not meet the legislative calendar deadline for passage from policy or fiscal committee; would require rule waivers to be given further consideration in the current year.

Bill Number/Author

***AB 2429 (Hagman)** Introduced: 2/24/2012

Pension and Benefits Ban for Part-time Local Elected Officials. Except as required or permitted by the California Constitution, this bill would prohibit a person appointed or publicly elected to a local public office of any kind that is less than full time, as defined, on or after January 1, 2013, from becoming a member of any public retirement system by virtue of that service, from acquiring any retirement right or benefit, or from receiving health benefits or other specified benefits for serving in that elective office. This prohibition would not apply to a local official who held office prior to January 1, 2013, and remains in, or is reappointed or reelected to that office.

Location: 5/25/2012-A. DEAD

***AB 2437 (Jeffries)** Amended: 4/23/2012

Special Death Benefit. Authorizes the Special Death Benefit to be payable to the qualifying survivor of a Riverside County Sheriff's Department Correctional Deputy or a Correctional Corporal, if the member's death occurred as a direct result of the performance of his or her official duties.

Location: 4/27/2012-A. DEAD

***AB 2606 (Mendoza)** Amended: 4/17/2012

School Member Post-Retirement Death Benefits. Current law requires a \$2,000 death benefit be paid to the designated beneficiary of a retired school member, and allows school employers to elect to provide a higher benefit of \$3,000, \$4,000 or \$5,000, with the additional employer contributions required to fund the benefit computed as a level percentage of member compensation. This bill would eliminate these contract options and raise the required benefit to \$4,000 for a school member deaths occurring during 2013, and increase the benefit each year by \$500 until it reaches \$6,000, whereupon it would be adjusted annually in the same manner as retiree COLA payments. It would also allow school employers the ability to contract to pay a \$5,000 benefit until the mandatory benefit level reaches that amount.

Location: 5/25/2012-A. DEAD

*Did not meet the legislative calendar deadline for passage from policy or fiscal committee; would require rule waivers to be given further consideration in the current year.

Bill Number/Author

ACA 22 (Smyth) Introduced: 2/22/2012

Pension Reform. This measure would amend the State Constitution, upon voter approval, to require all State and local government employers to offer public employees first hired on or after July 1, 2013, a hybrid pension plan that provides a combined defined benefit (DB) and defined contribution (DC) retirement benefit, or a specified alternative pension plan option. It also establishes a minimum normal retirement age for safety employees of 57 years old with 30 years of service, and an early retirement age of 52, and for all other employees, establishes a minimum normal retirement age of 67 years old with 35 years of service, and an early retirement age of 57. In addition, the bill prohibits additional retirement service credit purchases, prohibits retroactive pension benefit increases, imposes specified cost sharing requirements on both employees and employers, requires annual normal costs to be paid in each fiscal year, prohibits employers from paying any portion of required employee contributions, imposes benefit forfeiture for job-related felony convictions, imposes limitations on the employment of retired annuitants, increases the retiree health benefit vesting period for State employees, requires State retirees to pay a specified portion of retiree health benefits, and adds two members to the CalPERS Board of Administration.

Location: 2/22/2012-A. PRINT

ACA 26 (Smyth) Introduced: 3/6/2012

Public Pension: Felony Forfeiture. Amends the State Constitution to require a public employee or official to forfeit retirement benefits if he or she is convicted of specified violent and serious felonies related to his or her public employment. The measure applies to current and future public employees, and requires forfeiture of benefits from the earliest date of the commission of the felony for which the employee is convicted. Also, the measure must be approved by voters on a statewide ballot.

Location: 3/6/2012-A. PRINT

SB 27 (Simitian) Amended: 8/15/2011

Board Position: Support, with Suggested Amendments

Pension Spiking and Return to Work Limits. Among other things, would provide, effective July 1, 2012, that any change in salary, compensation, or remuneration principally for the purpose of enhancing the benefits of a CalPERS or CalSTRS member would not be included in the calculation of the member's final compensation for purposes of determining their defined benefit. It would also prohibit any CalPERS or CalSTRS member that retires on or after January 1, 2013, from performing services for any employer covered by their retirement system until the member has been separated from service for at least 180 days.

Location: 8/26/2011-Assembly Appropriations Committee; suspense file.

*Did not meet the legislative calendar deadline for passage from policy or fiscal committee; would require rule waivers to be given further consideration in the current year.

Bill Number/Author

SB 46 (Correa) Amended: 6/2/2011

Compensation Disclosure for Public Officials. Would require State and local public officials, except for candidates for public office, to file annual compensation disclosure forms when filing their required Form 700 Statement of Economic Interests, detailing all forms of compensation and benefits received from their employing government agency, and require that agency to post the information on its Internet website, beginning January 1, 2013. It would also require the State Controller's Office (SCO) to adopt emergency regulations for the implementation of these requirements by March 1, 2013, including format of the compensation disclosure form, as specified, and to recommend methods for compiling the compensation information on publicly accessible databases to the Governor and Legislature by July 1, 2013. The provisions of the bill would sunset on January 1, 2019. This bill would take effect immediately as an urgency statute.

Location: 8/22/2011-A. DESK

SB 770 (Steinberg) Amended: 8/31/2011

Health Care Coverage: Developmental Disorder and Autism. Would require health care service plan contracts and health insurance policies to provide coverage for behavioral health treatment, as defined, for pervasive developmental disorder (PDD) or autism. However, no benefits are required to be provided that exceed the essential health benefits (EHB) required under the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA).

Location: 8/31/2011-Assembly Appropriations Committee

SB 827 (Simitian) Amended: 9/7/2011

Public Employees' Retirement. States legislative intent to convene a Conference Committee to craft responsible, comprehensive legislation to reform State and local pension systems in a manner that reflects both the legitimate needs of public employees and the fiscal circumstances of State and local governments.

Location: 10/13/2011-Conference Committee

SB 903 (Anderson) Amended: 7/1/2011

Board Position: Oppose

Fiduciary Determinations for Iran Divestment. Existing law allows the CalPERS Board of Administration to suspend action as described in the California Public Divest from Iran Act (Act) if it determines such action would be inconsistent with its fiduciary duties as described in the California Constitution. This bill replaces that authorization with the requirement that the Board determine in a properly noticed public meeting that a specific action described in the Act would be a breach of its fiduciary responsibilities in order to suspend action. This bill cannot become effective unless AB 1151 (2011) is also enacted on or before January 1, 2012.

Location: 8/26/2011-Assembly Appropriations Committee; suspense file.

*Did not meet the legislative calendar deadline for passage from policy or fiscal committee; would require rule waivers to be given further consideration in the current year.

Bill Number/Author

SB 955 (Pavley) Amended: 6/12/2012

Public Retirement Systems: In-State Infrastructure Projects. Expresses Legislative intent that public retirement boards with specifically targeted infrastructure investment policies prioritize investments in projects located in California. It also would authorize California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) and the California State Teachers' Retirement System (CalSTRS) prioritize investment in an in-state infrastructure project over a comparable out-of-state project.

Location: 6/21/2012-Assembly Third Reading

SB 957 (Leno) Introduced: 1/10/2012

2012-13 Budget Act. Makes appropriations for support of State government for the 2012-13 fiscal year. As a budget bill, it would take effect immediately.

Location: 1/10/2012-Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee

SB 1006 (Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review)

Chaptered: 6/27/2012

State Government Budget Trailer Bill. Among other things, establishes from July 1, 2012, to June 30, 2013, the Personal Leave Program 2012 (PLP 2012) that reduces State employee compensation and provides up to eight hours of leave credit per month. The terms of the PLP 2012 for represented State employees are established in ratified MOU addenda, and the Department of Personnel Administration establishes the PLP 2012 terms for excluded employees. It also imposes a one-day per month unpaid furlough on employees in Bargaining Units that do not participate in the PLP 2012.

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SB 1021 (Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review)

Chaptered: 6/28/2012

Public Safety Budget Trailer Bill. Among other things, clarifies the retired annuitant provisions in the PERL to require that an appointment of a retired CalPERS member by a CalPERS employer, including any made concurrently, shall not exceed a combined total of 960 hours each fiscal year, eliminate extensions to the 960 hour limit for a retired member appointed to a vacant position by a contracting agency, and limit the rate of pay and additional benefits allowed to be provided to specified retired annuitants.

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Bill Number/Author

***SB 1057 (Huff)** Amended: 3/22/2012

Benefit Forfeiture: School Employees. Requires an employee of a school district, county office of education, or charter school to forfeit his or her retirement benefits if convicted of any State or federal felony crime related to his or her employment. The bill requires current and future employees to forfeit all rights and benefits in any public retirement system from the earliest date of the commission of the crime, with the member contributions returned, without interest.

Location: 4/27/2012-S. DEAD

***SB 1141 (Walters)** Introduced: 2/21/2012

Post-Employment Health Care Benefits: Collective Bargaining. Prohibits public employers from entering into a memorandum of understanding or other collective bargaining agreement that provides for defined post-employment health care benefits unless each employee first hired on or after January 1, 2013, pays at least 50 percent of the actuarially required contributions necessary to prefund those defined health benefits.

Location: 4/27/2012-S. DEAD

***SB 1142 (Walters)** Amended: 4/9/2012

Post-Employment Health Care Benefits: Full Funding. Prohibits all State and local public employers, except the University of California, from providing retiree health benefits to employees first hired on or after January 1, 2012, unless it prefunds those benefits as determined by an actuary. It also requires these employers to prefund retiree health benefits for all current and future employees in accordance with Government Accounting Standards and amortizing unfunded liabilities over periods that do not exceed the remaining service lives of current employees, with a five-year phase-in.

Location: 4/27/2012-S. DEAD

***SB 1143 (Walters)** Amended: 4/9/2012

Post-Employment Benefit Modification. Requires public employers to reserve the right to modify retirement and other postemployment benefits provided to employees first hired on or after January 1, 2013, and without providing any comparable benefit in return. It also allows public employers to change benefit formulas, employee contribution rates and vesting for these employees, except as prohibited by federal law. The bill specifies these employees have no implied right to future postemployment benefits, and that accrued benefits earned for prior service may be reduced without written consent if authorized by law.

Location: 4/27/2012-S. DEAD

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Bill Number/Author

***SB 1176 (Huff)** Introduced: 2/22/2012

Pension Reform. Makes various statutory changes necessary to require all State and local employers to offer public employees first hired on or after July 1, 2013, a hybrid pension plan that provides a combined defined benefit (DB) and defined contribution (DC) retirement benefit, or a specified alternative pension plan option. It also establishes a minimum normal retirement age for safety employees of 57 years old with 30 years of service, and an early retirement age of 52, and for all other employees, establishes a minimum normal retirement age of 67 years old with 35 years of service, and an early retirement age of 57. In addition, the bill prohibits additional retirement service credit purchases, prohibits retroactive pension benefit increases, imposes specified cost sharing requirements on both employees and employers, requires annual normal costs to be paid in each fiscal year, prohibits employers from paying any portion of required employee contributions, imposes benefit forfeiture for job related felony convictions, imposes limitations on the employment of retired annuitants, increases the retiree health benefit vesting period for State employees, requires State retirees to pay a specified portion of retiree health benefits, and adds two members to the CalPERS Board of Administration. These statutory changes would become operative January 1, 2013, only if a companion constitutional amendment is approved by voters statewide on the November 2012 General Election ballot.

Location: 4/27/2012-S. DEAD

SB 1195 (Price) Amended: 6/26/2012

Pharmacy Benefit Audit Procedures. Requires a contract between a pharmacy and an insurer, health plan, or pharmacy benefit manager for the provision of pharmacy services to health plan participants that is issued, amended, or renewed on or after January 1, 2013, to include specified policies and procedures related to audits conducted under the contract. It would also prohibit specified methods of cost recovery and limit disclosure of audit results.

Location: 7/5/2012-Assembly Second Reading

SB 1196 (Hernandez) Amended: 6/28/2012

Board Position: Support

Health Care Coverage: Transparency. Would prohibit any health plan contract in existence or issued, amended, or renewed on or after January 1, 2013, between a health plan or insurer and a provider or supplier of health care services, from prohibiting, conditioning, or in any way restricting the disclosure of claims data related to health care services provided to enrollees, insureds, or beneficiaries of any self-funded health coverage arrangement to a Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services qualified entity. This bill would also require these entities to comply with any rules, regulations and other requirements of the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) regarding disclosed claims data.

Location: Scheduled for hearing on 8/8/2012 by the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

Bill Number/Author

SB 1234 (De León) Amended: 6/27/2012

California Secure Choice Retirement Savings Trust Act. Contingent on the availability of sufficient funds, establishes a retirement plan for California's private sector workers that do not have access to a retirement plan through their employer, to be administered by a seven member Board chaired by the State Treasurer and operating under the auspices of the Treasurer's Office. It would require employers with five or more employees that do not offer an employer-sponsored payroll deposit retirement plan, and authorize all other employers, to enroll their eligible employees, as defined, into the California Secure Choice Retirement Savings Trust (CSCRST). The bill would also require the Employment Development Department (EDD) to create an opt-out and default contribution adjustment process for participating employees, and authorizes EDD to assess a penalty on employers that fail to comply. Finally, it would authorize, but not require, the Treasurer, CalPERS Board of Administration, and private sector investment managers to invest CSCRST funds.

Location: Scheduled for hearing on 8/8/2012 by the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

SB 1285 (Hernandez) Amended: 6/26/2012

Board Position: Support

Hospital Emergency Services and Care. Would require hospitals with an out-of-network emergency utilization rate of greater than 50 percent to adjust charges for out-of-network emergency care so that the expected reimbursement does not exceed 150 percent of the amount the hospital could reasonably expect Medicare to pay for the care.

Location: 7/5/2012-Assembly Appropriations Committee

SB 1294 (Berryhill) Amended: 6/13/2012

Board Position: Neutral

Mariposa County: Employer Contribution for Retiree Health Benefits. The PEMHCA requires contracting agencies to provide a minimum employer contribution for employee and retiree health benefits, and requires these contributions to be equal, unless the employer elects a statutory schedule that allows its contributions to retiree health benefits to gradually increase until they ultimately equal the contributions made for active employees. This bill would allow Mariposa County to provide a higher employer contribution for its retirees than for its active employees, and require it be executed through a memorandum of understanding (MOU), which is agreed upon through collective bargaining, or by a resolution adopted by a majority of the county's Board of Supervisors. Its provisions would not apply to annuitants that retire before enactment of the bill, or to annuitants that retire before the effective date of the MOU or the date a resolution is adopted or MOU is signed.

Location: Scheduled for hearing on 8/8/2012 by the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

SB 1308 (Senate P.E. & R. Committee)

Introduced: 2/23/2012

State Department of Human Resources. Would make the statutory changes necessary to transfer the duties and functions of the Department of Personnel Administration and State Personnel Board to the newly established State Department of Human Resources.

Location: 7/2/2012-A. DESK

*Did not meet the legislative calendar deadline for passage from policy or fiscal committee; would require rule waivers to be given further consideration in the current year.

Bill Number/Author

***SB 1321 (Harman)** Amended: 5/30/2012

Essential Health Benefits. Would require the California Health Benefit Exchange's board to determine the average premium per enrollee or insured for each health plan listed as an optional benchmark plan in regulations adopted pursuant to the Patient Protection and Affordability Care Act (PPACA). It would also require that the plan with the lowest average premium per enrollee or insured, set the benchmark for items and services to be included in the definition of essential health benefits under PPACA.

Location: 5/30/2012-Senate Health Committee

***SB 1368 (Anderson)** Amended: 4/19/2012

State Officer and Employee Salary Limit. Except for elected State officers whose salary is set by the Citizens Compensation Commission, this bill prohibits the annual salary of a State officer or employee, on or after January 1, 2013, from exceeding the annual salary of the Governor as established by the Commission. Its provisions would not be effective for State officers or employees subject to a memorandum of understanding (MOU) or employment contract in place prior to January 1, 2013, until that MOU or contract has expired. This bill does not apply to specified exempt public safety officers under certain conditions, and would allow the Governor to suspend the annual salary limitations upon declaring a state of emergency.

Location: 4/27/2012-S. DEAD

SCA 13 (Cannella) Amended: 1/11/2012

Pension Reform. Among other things, it would, for employees first hired on or after January 1, 2013, only allow defined benefit (DB) plans to be provided as part of a hybrid retirement plan, allow retirement benefits to be altered on a prospective basis, and impose limits on pension benefits. For all public employees, it would allow or require increases in employee contributions for both pension and retirement health benefits, and generally prohibit employer contribution holidays or the payment of member contributions. It would also replace retirement boards' authority over actuarial functions with an independent plan actuary appointed to a 12 year term and impose additional qualification requirements on board members.

Location: 1/11/2012-Senate Rules Committee

Bill Number/Author

SCA 18 (Huff) Introduced: 2/22/2012

Pension Reform. Would amend the State Constitution, upon voter approval, to require all State and local government employers to offer public employees first hired on or after July 1, 2013, a hybrid pension plan that provides a combined defined benefit (DB) and defined contribution (DC) retirement benefit, or a specified alternative pension plan option. It also establishes a minimum normal retirement age for safety employees of 57 years old with 30 years of service, and an early retirement age of 52, and for all other employees, establishes a minimum normal retirement age of 67 years old with 35 years of service, and an early retirement age of 57. In addition, the bill prohibits additional retirement service credit purchases, prohibits retroactive pension benefit increases, imposes specified cost sharing requirements on both employees and employers, requires annual normal costs to be paid in each fiscal year, prohibits employers from paying any portion of required employee contributions, imposes benefit forfeiture for job-related felony convictions, imposes limitations on the employment of retired annuitants, increases the retiree health benefit vesting period for State employees, requires State retirees to pay a specified portion of retiree health benefits, and adds two members to the CalPERS Board of Administration.

Location: 3/1/2012-Senate Public Employment and Retirement Committee

*Did not meet the legislative calendar deadline for passage from policy or fiscal committee; would require rule waivers to be given further consideration in the current year.