



Wyoming Retirement System

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SF0049 Judicial Plan contributions

Summary: This proposal increases employee contributions in the Judicial Pension Plan.

Position: WRS supports the proposal

Highlights:

- Increases the total contribution rate in the Judicial Pension Plan by 2.25%.
- Employee contributions increase by 2.25%. The bill provides that the employer subsidy of the employee contribution will increase by 1.90%. Thus the effective employee increase is 0.35% and the effective employer burden is 1.90%.
- The rate increase would produce about \$208,778 per year in additional plan revenue.

Rationale: The percentage increase in this draft (2.25%) is the percentage increase calculated by WRS actuaries as the increase necessary for the judicial retirement fund to be 100% funded within the Board's funding policy and to be sustainable (the Actuarially Determined Contribution (ADC) rate).

Facts Bearing on the Situation:

- The Judicial plan covers justices of the Supreme Court, district court judges and circuit court judges. There are 55 active members. 30 retirees and 5 beneficiaries.
- The statutory total rate of 23.72% is unchanged since 2008.
- The plan is presently well funded. The funding ratio is 99.12%.
- However, the current total contribution rate is below normal cost. The plan is projected to drift downwards. The bill addresses this, placing the plan on a modest growth path.

