

Approved: March 23, 2011

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE PENSIONS & BENEFITS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mitch Holmes at 9:02 a.m. on March 16, 2011, in Room 142-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Gordon Self, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
David Wiese, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Julian Efird, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Darla Conner, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Caren Hanson, TIAA-CREF, Senior Director, State Government Relations
Roderick Crane, TIAA-CREF, Senior Director, Government Market

Others attending:

See attached list

Caren Hanson, TIAA-CREF, Senior Director, State Government Relations, gave a brief introduction to TIAA-CREF Financial Services.

Roderick Crane, TIAA-CREF, Senior Director, Government Market, (Attachment 1), gave a presentation on: 1) The budget shortfall & public pension funding, 2) Challenges in revising existing DB plans, 3) The Hybrid DB/Dc and Core DC plan models, and 4) Considerations for governments.

Discussion and action on:

HB 2311 - Enacting the Kansas public employees retirement system defined contribution act

David Wiese, Office of the Revisor of Statute, gave an overview of **HB 2311**.

Representative Geraldine Flarharty made a motion to table HB 2311. Seconded by Representative Louis Ruiz. The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:07 a.m.

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NAME	REPRESENTING
Mark Bidsall	KID
Nicole Proulx Aiken	LKM
ERDIE Clemdel	KCPR
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Sandy Braden	GKA
John Faber	PEAK
Nancy Tuden	PEAK
Brian Thompson	PEAK
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Jim Richardson	KCPR
Linda Hubbard	KCPR
Beverly Ring	KCPR
Cheryl Wilcox	KCPR
Pat Cooper	KCPR
Ed Kump	KACR/KSA/KPOA -
Mindy Brissey	AFT - Kansas

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GETTING STARTED

ATTENDEES

Roderick B. Crane
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TODAY'S DISCUSSION

Introductions

The budget shortfall & public
pension funding

Challenges in revising existing DB
plans

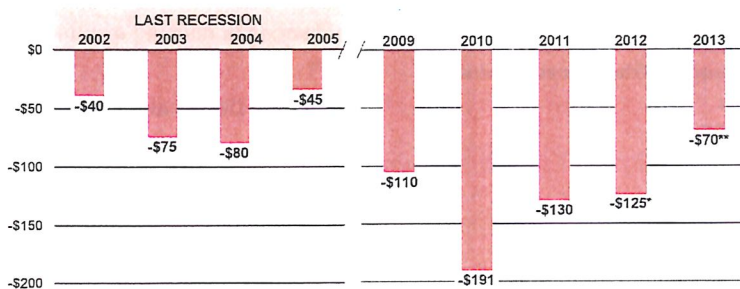
The Hybrid DB/DC and Core DC plan
models

Considerations for governments

WITH LOWER REVENUES, STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FACE BUDGET SHORTFALLS

States continue to struggle to find revenue to cover critical services, an issue that will likely continue beyond 2012.

LARGEST STATE BUDGET SHORTFALLS ON RECORD
Total state budget shortfall in each fiscal year, in billions



* Report to date.

** Preliminary

Source: Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, "States Continue to Feel Recession's Impact", February 2011.

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COST OF PUBLIC PENSION FUNDING IS INCREASING

Several factors are contributing to the increase of public pension funding expenses:

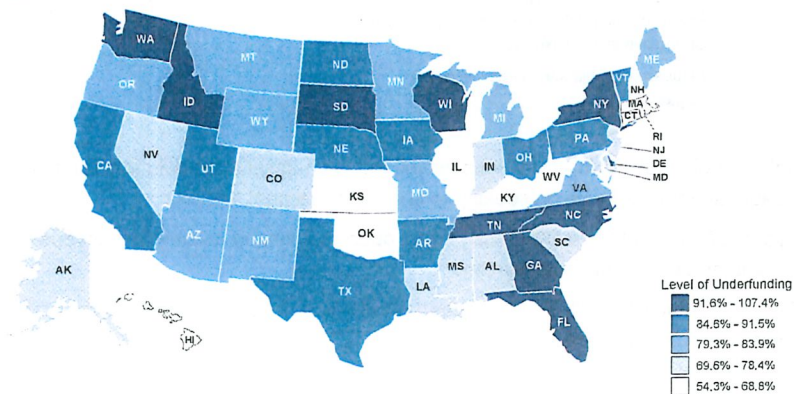
- With returns lower than expected, market losses are driving up costs
- Delayed funding has not been made up by market returns
- Unfunded benefit increases have not been offset by budget increases
- Pension benefit abuses have a negative impact (i.e.: double-dipping)

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PENSION PAIN EXTENDS ACROSS THE NATION

Pension funding shortfalls are common across the U.S., with many states and local governments behind in funding.



Note: 2008 data for all states, except Ohio, which are 2007.
Source: The Trillion Dollar Gap, Pew Center on the States.

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CHALLENGES WITH REVISING EXISTING DB PLANS

There are numerous challenges that prevent states from fully addressing the issues associated with traditional DB plans.

- Stakeholder resistance
- Limited financial resources
- Pension liabilities that are large relative to tax revenue base
- Transition costs
- Uncertainty about funding rate risk
- Vigorous debate over pension investment return assumptions

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WHAT STATE GOVERNMENTS ARE DOING TO ADDRESS THE DB PLAN ISSUES

REDUCING BENEFITS FOR NEW HIRES:

Arizona
California,
Pennsylvania
Virginia

INCREASING EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTIONS:

Colorado
Florida
Iowa
Minnesota
Mississippi
Missouri
Vermont

DELAYING FUNDING:

New Jersey
New Mexico
Pennsylvania
Virginia
Wyoming

IMPLEMENTING DC OR HYBRID DB/DC PLANS:

Michigan
Utah

HYBRID DB/DC AND CORE DC PLANS OFFER TWO OPTIONS FOR MANAGING PENSION FUNDING RISKS

HYBRID DB/DC PLAN

- Features a reduced DB benefit with a new risk-managed DC component, so that the two plans exist side-by-side
- Reduces sole reliance on traditional DB plans

CORE DC PLAN

- Eliminates sole reliance on traditional DB plans

- Unlike traditional 401(k)-style plans, which focus on asset accumulation, both of these plan models focus on seeking to provide retirement security
- Hybrid DB/DC and Core DC plans can be open to new and existing employees, depending on local state regulations
- Both plan structures help provide government plan sponsors with more predictable costs and outcomes

HOW CONTRIBUTIONS INTO A HYBRID DB/DC PLAN ARE STRUCTURED

When the DB and DC plans work in tandem, it can increase the probability that employee retirement income needs can be met to and through retirement.

DC PLAN CONTRIBUTION RATE REQUIRED TO ACHIEVE AN 85% REPLACEMENT RATIO

ENTRY SALARY	DB FORMULA	SOCIAL SECURITY REPLACEMENT RATIO	REQUIRED DC RATE WITH SOCIAL SECURITY	REQUIRED DC RATE WITHOUT SOCIAL SECURITY
\$40,000	1.5%	31.7%	0.2%	9.8%
\$60,000	1.5%	26.6%	1.8%	9.8%
\$80,000	1.5%	22.6%	3.0%	9.8%
\$40,000	1.0%	31.7%	5.5%	15.0%
\$60,000	1.0%	26.6%	7.0%	15.0%
\$80,000	1.0%	22.6%	8.2%	15.0%

DC PLAN CONTRIBUTION RATE REQUIRED TO ACHIEVE AN 75% REPLACEMENT RATIO

ENTRY SALARY	DB FORMULA	SOCIAL SECURITY REPLACEMENT RATIO	REQUIRED DC RATE WITH SOCIAL SECURITY	REQUIRED DC RATE WITHOUT SOCIAL SECURITY
\$40,000	1.5%	31.7%	0.0%	6.8%
\$60,000	1.5%	26.6%	0.0%	6.8%
\$80,000	1.5%	22.6%	0.0%	6.8%
\$40,000	1.0%	31.7%	2.5%	12.1%
\$60,000	1.0%	26.6%	4.1%	12.1%
\$80,000	1.0%	22.6%	5.3%	12.1%

Assumptions:
Entry Age is 30; Retirement Age is 65; Salary Increase is 4%; DB benefit replacement ratio is equal to formula times 35 years of service; Interest Rate is 6%; DC accumulation is used to purchase a Single Life Annuity w/10 years guarantee; Annuity purchase rate based on 4% interest and current TIAA mortality; Social Security benefits based on current benefit formula, and 3% inflation. The above scenarios are based on hypothetical assumptions and are not intended to represent the performance of any specific investment product. They cannot be used to predict or project investment company performance.

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RISK-MANAGED DC STRUCTURE

The objective of a risk-managed program is to provide employees with the means to build sufficient savings through plan rules and the investment structure of the plan.

Ensuring participation in the plan:

- Mandatory enrollment through automatic enrollment
- Lower or no age restrictions on participation

Helping employees manage risk and maintain a long-term view:

- A limited low cost investment menu with a maximum of 15 to 20 preselected options
- Automatic asset allocation vehicles such as lifecycle funds
- Individual investment advice to educate participants

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GOVERNMENT CONSIDERATIONS WHEN DESIGNING A NEW PLAN

Budgetary Predictability

- Identify which structure – Hybrid DB/DC or Core DC – is most appropriate for the government's objectives

Employee Eligibility

- Depending on the specific state or local government's legal environment, the DC plan would be open only to new employees, or to both new employees and select existing participants

Employee Participation

- Plan sponsors can establish features such as automatic enrollment and a limited investment menu that will help enhance participation and the adequacy of contributions.

MOVING FORWARD: NEXT STEPS FOR GOVERNMENTS

1

Evaluate the Hybrid DB/DC and Core DC plan options

2

Review the contribution implications of a Hybrid DB/DC or Core DC plan for the government

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Contact TIAA-CREF to answer any questions or for additional information

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