



Dear Chair Taylor and Vice Chair Bonham:

Re: Opposition to SB 847

The League appreciates the opportunity to express its opposition to SB 847 with the -1 amendment. Even with the alterations in the proposed in the -1 cities are unable to support adding this to the already increasing PERS costs.

The LOC is pained to point out the Legislature passed [HB 4045](#) last session which lowered the retirement age for PERS P&F members and created a new category of employee with a higher multiplier and lower retirement age. This bill created a slight increase in rates for all employers and a significant increase for agencies employing emergency telecommunicators.

This session, SB 847 is one of several bills introduced that will increase employer rates, some of those bills have been scheduled for work session. These pieces of legislation have been dropped against a backdrop of a PERS fund that has missed earnings resulting in a systemwide average rate increase of over 4% of payroll. There may be a time for the Legislature to adjust OPSRP benefits but not when rates are up and earnings are down.

Because of these factors state above and the uncertainty of how the increase in subsidy with alter retiree behavior, the LOC requests the Committee table this bill.

Sincerely,  
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