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**Testimony in Support of HB 804
State Retirement and Pension System –
Amortization of Unfunded Liabilities and Surpluses**

Testimony of Delegate Cathi Forbes
Appropriations Committee
February 28, 2023

What this bill does

This bill will protect the system and the plan sponsors from future volatility in employer contributions.

History

Currently we are on a 25-year straight amortization schedule that began in 2013.

We have 15 years left in that amortization schedule, and our actuaries recommend revisions to allow us flexibility in our scheduling. This policy before you is representative of work over the 2022 interim by the agency, the agency's actuary, the Joint Committee on Pensions, its staff, and its actuary.

Why you should vote for this bill

It will ensure less volatility in our employer contribution rates. In turn providing for a more sustainable pension plan.

I ask for a favorable report.

Thank you.