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Executive Summary of Commission Staff Materials

<u>Affected Pension Plan(s)</u>: PERA Privatized Employees, PERA-General

Relevant Provisions of Law: Minnesota Statutes, Section 353F.02, Subdivision 4

General Nature of Proposal: Privatization of Hutchinson Area Health Care

Date of Summary: March 29, 2005

Specific Proposed Changes

Adds Hutchinson Area Health Care employees to the PERA Privatized Employee chapter.

Policy Issues Raised by the Proposed Legislation

- 1. Implications of using privatization model; privatized employees better off, PERA-General forfeits some actuarial gains.
- 2. Special consideration due to other bills introduced to reduce deferred annuity augmentation in PERA plans and to increase PERA-General contribution rates.
- 3. Issue of whether PERA-General receives some gain.
- 4. Existence of local support.

Potential Amendments

Amendment LCPR05-088 removes considerable language from the bill if actuarial work has been completed and a gain is shown for PERA-General.

Amendment LCPR05-089 is a technical amendment that is needed if Amendment LCPR05-088 is not used, to indicate that work is to be performed by actuary jointly retained by the pension fund administrations rather than by the actuary retained by the Commission.

<u>Amendment LCPR05-090</u> is a delete-all amendment allowing privatized employees to remain in PERA-General, if that approach has local support and if the Commission

chooses to use that model.