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Executive Summary of Commission Staff Materials

Affected Pension Plan(s): Maplewood Volunteer Firefighter Relief Association and Oakdale Volunteer Firefighter Relief Association
Relevant Provisions of Law: Proposed Local Legislation
General Nature of Proposal: Authorizes Portability Between the Two Relief Associations
Date of Summary: March 30, 2005

Specific Proposed Changes

- The Maplewood volunteer firefighter relief association and the Oakdale volunteer firefighter relief association are authorized to enter into an agreement for the transfer of liability, assets, and service credit between the two to provide volunteer fire service pension portability for six firefighters with service in the two relief associations.

Policy Issues Raised by the Proposed Legislation

1. Appropriateness of asset transfer rather than the combined service pension.
2. Complexity of relief association and municipal portability agreements.
3. Adequacy of the definition of the six affected volunteer firefighters.
4. Extent of support by Maplewood and Oakdale.

Potential Amendments

Technical Amendments:

Amendment LCPR05-144 attempts to streamline the local agreement process by requiring the relief associations to negotiate the agreement and submit it for municipal ratification.

Amendment LCPR05-187 corrects the name of the Oakdale fire pension plan and removes the specific references to "six firefighters" because the actual number of firefighters involved may not be six.

Substantive Amendment:

Amendment LCPR05-188 requires the local agreement to name or otherwise identify the affected volunteer firefighters.