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Executive Summary of Commission Staff Materials

Affected Pension Plan(s): Aurora, Biwabik City, Hoyt Lakes, And Palo Volunteer Firefighter Relief Associations

Relevant Provisions of Law: Minnesota Statutes, Section 424B.10, Subdivision 1, Paragraph (a)

General Nature of Proposal: Special Law Exception to Volunteer Firefighter Relief Association Consolidation Provision

Date of Summary: March 30, 2005

Specific Proposed Change(s)

- Allows a consolidated volunteer firefighter relief association emerging from Aurora, Biwabik City, Hoyt Lakes, and Palo to pay a smaller pre-consolidation service pension amount upon consolidation than general law requires.

Policy Issues Raised by the Proposed Legislation

1. Appropriateness of the proposed exception.
2. Current and likely future financial condition of the affected volunteer firefighter relief associations.
3. Appropriateness of a potential expansion of the general law provision.

Potential Amendments

Technical Amendment:

Amendment LCPR05-153 improves the language and style of the proposed legislation consistent with the apparent legislative intent.

Substantive Amendment:

Amendment LCPR05-154 adds the Aurora/Biwabik City/Hoyt Lakes/Palo approach as a permissible alternative in the applicable general law.