

**H.F. xxxx****S.F. 2923**
(Betzold)**Executive Summary of Commission Staff Materials**

<i>Affected Pension Plan(s):</i>	Various retirement plans
<i>Relevant Provisions of Law:</i>	Minnesota Statutes, Chapters 3, 352, 352B, 353, 354, 354A, 356, 422A, and 490
<i>General Nature of Proposal:</i>	Return to the Legislative Commission on Pensions and Retirement of the Authority to retain the actuary providing actuarial services
<i>Date of Summary:</i>	March 3, 2008

Specific Proposed Changes

The proposed legislation provides that:

1. The Legislative Commission on Pensions and Retirement will retain the actuary preparing actuarial valuations and experience studies in the future;
2. The actuary retained by the Commission would be funded by retirement plan allocations deposited in a revolving account established for that purpose;
3. Benefit increase cost estimates would be required to be filed with the Commission, and
4. Makes updates in the various actuarial function provisions.

Policy Issues Raised by the Proposed Legislation

1. Appropriateness of the reacquisition of the actuarial services retention authority by the Legislative Commission on Pensions and Retirement.
2. Appropriateness of providing for the option of the retention of a Commission staff actuary.
3. Appropriateness of the establishment of a Commission revolving account.
4. Appropriateness of the allocation of the actuarial services compensation to the retirement plans.
5. Appropriateness of the substitution of the Legislative Commission on Pensions and Retirement for the existing actuarial services contract.
6. Appropriateness of extending the filing requirement for retirement plan benefit increase cost estimates.
7. Appropriateness of the actuarial function update provisions.

Potential Amendments

S2923-1A eliminates the specific option for the Legislative Commission on Pensions and Retirement to retain a staff actuary rather than a consulting actuarial firm.

