

1.1 ..... moves to amend H.F. No. 4146 as follows:

1.2 Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

1.3 "Section 1. MAINTENANCE OF STATUS QUO.

1.4 (a) The Maplewood Firefighters Relief Association shall not make a distribution of  
1.5 benefits except as provided under the bylaws and plan document of the relief association  
1.6 in effect on December 31, 2017.

1.7 (b) The Maplewood Firefighters Relief Association shall continue to invest the assets  
1.8 of the relief association in the usual course and shall make no transfers of assets except as  
1.9 follows:

1.10 (1) to pay benefits as provided in paragraph (a);

1.11 (2) to pay fees, dues and assessments to the Minnesota State Fire Department Association  
1.12 and the Minnesota Area Relief Association Coalition;

1.13 (3) to pay insurance premiums to the Volunteer Firefighters' Benefit Association of  
1.14 Minnesota or an insurance company licensed by the State of Minnesota offering casualty  
1.15 insurance; or

1.16 (4) to pay administrative expenses authorized under Minnesota Statutes, section 69.80.

1.17 (c) Further implementation of the changes approved by the members and trustees of the  
1.18 Maplewood Firefighters Relief Association at meetings on February 15, 2018, and March  
1.19 4, 2018, respectively, shall cease until the earlier of June 30, 2019, or the effective date of  
1.20 legislation enacted during the 2019 legislative session that addresses the Maplewood  
1.21 Firefighters Relief Association, or generally, the conversion of relief associations from  
1.22 defined benefit to defined contribution.

1.23 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

2.1       Sec. 2. **RELIEF ASSOCIATION DEFINED BENEFIT TO DEFINED**  
2.2 **CONTRIBUTION PLAN WORK GROUP.**

2.3       (a) The executive director of the Legislative Commission on Pensions and Retirement  
2.4 shall convene a work group immediately following the end of the regular 2018 legislative  
2.5 session to study the following:

2.6       (1) the current statutes governing conversions from a defined benefit plan to a defined  
2.7 contribution plan and aspects of such conversions that are not addressed by current statutes  
2.8 or that are addressed by statutes that are ambiguous or unclear;

2.9       (2) the process followed by other relief associations that have converted from a defined  
2.10 benefit plan to a defined contribution plan and the methods used for determining and  
2.11 allocating any surplus assets;

2.12       (3) the prevalence of overfunded defined benefit relief associations in the state;

2.13       (4) the status of transitions underway at fire departments in the state from using the  
2.14 services of volunteer firefighters to employing salaried firefighters;

2.15       (5) alternatives for determining accrued benefits, vesting, and surplus assets upon  
2.16 conversion and for allocating surplus assets among firefighters, the affiliated municipality,  
2.17 or the state in the form of a reversion of fire state aid;

2.18       (6) alternatives for legislation that amends or supplements the statutes identified in clause  
2.19 (1); and

2.20       (7) any related issues identified by the work group.

2.21       (b) Members of the work group shall include as many of the following individuals as  
2.22 are available, not to exceed twelve individuals:

2.23       (1) at least two municipal officials, each from a municipality with an affiliated defined  
2.24 benefit relief association, designated by the League of Minnesota Cities;

2.25       (2) one representative from the League of Minnesota Cities;

2.26       (3) at least two fire chiefs, designated by the Minnesota State Fire Chiefs Association,  
2.27 each with a fire department that uses volunteers covered by a defined benefit relief association  
2.28 and is transitioning or considering a transition from using the services of volunteer firefighters  
2.29 to employing salaried firefighters;

2.30       (4) at least two active volunteer firefighters covered by a defined benefit relief association,  
2.31 designated by the Minnesota State Fire Departments Association;

3.1 (5) a fire chief or volunteer of an independent nonprofit firefighting corporation affiliated  
3.2 with a defined benefit relief association;

3.3 (6) one representative of the Office of the State Auditor, designated by the state auditor;  
3.4 and

3.5 (7) any other individual or individuals designated by the Legislative Commission on  
3.6 Pensions and Retirement, upon the recommendation of the executive director of the  
3.7 commission, because the individual or individuals have relevant expertise or experience.

3.8 (c) The work group shall elect a chair from among its members.

3.9 (d) The work group shall submit a report by December 31, 2018, that summarizes the  
3.10 findings of the work group and provides the work group's recommendations to the chair  
3.11 and vice-chair of the Legislative Commission on Pensions and Retirement.

3.12 (e) The work group shall disband as of the end of the 2019 legislative session and any  
3.13 special session thereafter.

3.14 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment."

3.15 Amend the title accordingly