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Senate and House Announce Legislative Members of Retirement Benefits Commission

Concord, NH - Today Senate President Jeb Bradley and House Speaker Sherman Packard announced the legislative members of the Retirement Benefits Commission established in HB 2, the budget trailer bill:

"A decade ago, we formed a commission to save the New Hampshire Retirement System by addressing the enormous unfunded liability that had built up over several decades. During our budget discussions, concerns were raised about the impact retirement benefits have on retaining and attracting employees. We took these concerns very seriously and as a result committed to expeditiously establishing a commission to study these issues and determine if changes are necessary. By appointing Senate and House leadership to this commission, we are demonstrating the importance of this issue," said Senate President Jeb Bradley.

"The Legislature has a responsibility to protect and strengthen the sustainability of the New Hampshire Retirement System, both for the 42,000 retirees and for the 49,000 state, county, and municipal employees paying into the system. This bipartisan commission will look for ways to enhance the retirement options available to New Hampshire police, firefighters, teachers, and public employees while protecting taxpayers," said House Speaker Sherman Packard.

The commission will include the following legislative members:

Senate President Jeb Bradley (*R-Wolfeboro*)

Senator James Gray (*R-Rochester*)

Senate Minority Leader Donna Soucy (*D-Manchester*)

Senator David Watters (*D-Dover*)

House Speaker Sherman Packard (*R-Londonderry*)

Hon. Carole McGuire (*R-Epsom*)

Hon. Mathew Wilhelm (*D-Manchester*)

Hon. Peter Leishman (*D-Peterborough*)

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In addition to legislators, the commission will also include members from:

New Hampshire Municipal Association

New Hampshire School Boards Association

New Hampshire Association of Counties

Professional Firefighters of New Hampshire

New Hampshire Troopers Association

National Education Association

New Hampshire State Employees Association

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