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Senate Finance reduces retiree healthcare contribution rate

Concord, NH - The Senate Finance Committee today voted to restore Administrative Services Retiree Healthcare benefits at a 12.5% individual contribution, down from a nearly 8% increase as proposed in the House Budget.

The average retiree pension is approximately \$14,000 a year and this proposed increase would have increased healthcare contributions from \$116 per month to \$186.

"Today's vote to restore retiree healthcare contributions to just 12.5% was the right thing to do," said Senate Finance Chair Jeanie Forrester (R-Meredith).

"The average person receiving only state pension benefits would have a difficult time affording an increase of \$70 a month for healthcare. The Senate made the right choice today for our state's retirees," Forrester added.

"There are numerous, difficult decisions we will still have to make as we continue to finalize the Senate budget proposal, but by restoring the small 12.5% retiree healthcare contribution, we are making sure their needs continue to be met," said Senator Jerry Little (R-Weare).

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