

# **DRS Corrections (Retire-Rehire)**

## **Issue**

In the 2011 Session, the Legislature enacted ESHB 1981. In addition to several other changes, this bill created some inconsistencies between systems in the retiree return-to-work rules.

The SCPP has sponsored bills in the last two legislative sessions to restore the prior policy for those precise provisions.

## **Background**

In the 2012 Interim, the Department of Retirement Systems (DRS) approached the SCPP stating that ESHB 1981 changed the return-to-work rules in a way that created inconsistencies between Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) and other retirement systems. DRS then asked the SCPP to sponsor legislation removing those inconsistencies.

In the 2012 Interim, the SCPP voted to sponsor bills for the 2013 Session. Then, in the 2013 Interim, the SCPP voted to re-endorse the bills for the 2014 Session.

## **Committee Activity**

The SCPP considered this issue at the November meeting and made a recommendation.

## **Recommendation To The 2015 Legislature**

Restore the prior policy for specific PERS return-to-work rules as follows.

- ❖ Reapply the 867-hour option to PERS retirees who return to work in positions covered by other DRS-administered retirement systems.
- ❖ State that the return-to-work rules only apply to retirees hired into eligible positions.

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