



KEY RETIREMENT BILLS HEARD IN BOTH HOUSE AND SENATE THIS WEEK

The House Pensions, Investments, and Financial Services Committee (PIFS) met to discuss several bills on Wednesday, April 7th, largely focusing on the Teacher Retirement System of Texas (TRS) and TRS retirees. By focusing the committee on bills that would provide a COLA or other benefit enhancement for retirees, Chairman Anchia recognized the importance of this issue for members.

TSTA supported the following bills:

HB 672 by Martinez <https://capitol.texas.gov/tlodocs/87R/billtext/pdf/HB006721.pdf#navpanes=0>

HB 1124 by Muñoz, Jr. <https://capitol.texas.gov/tlodocs/87R/billtext/pdf/HB011241.pdf#navpanes=0>

HB 1846 by Allen <https://capitol.texas.gov/tlodocs/87R/billtext/pdf/HB018461.pdf#navpanes=0>

HB 2109 by Wu <https://capitol.texas.gov/tlodocs/87R/billtext/pdf/HB021091.pdf#navpanes=0>

HB 3207 by Herrero <https://capitol.texas.gov/tlodocs/87R/billtext/pdf/HB032071.pdf#navpanes=0>

HB 3214 by Caprigione <https://capitol.texas.gov/tlodocs/87R/billtext/pdf/HB032141.pdf#navpanes=0>

HB 3507 by Rogers <https://capitol.texas.gov/tlodocs/87R/billtext/pdf/HB035071.pdf#navpanes=0>

You can find a recording of both parts of the House PIFS committee hearing here: <https://house.texas.gov/video-audio/committee-broadcasts/87/>

The Senate Finance Committee held a hearing on Wednesday on Senate Bill 288 by Sen. Kel Seliger, which would create positive reform for penalties for return-to-work limit violations. The Committee voted the bill out of committee during the same hearing to report it favorably to the full Senate.

<https://capitol.texas.gov/BillLookup/Text.aspx?LegSess=87R&Bill=SB288>