



# Update

Dear Friends,

October 9, 2019

Since my election to the KPERS Board of Trustees I have a new disclaimer that I must include in these updates from now on: "The views expressed in this update represent my views and/or the views of the Coalition. They do not in any way represent the views of KPERS Board of Trustees nor do I speak for them." (Ernie Claudel)

The next KCPR meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 13, 2019.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** For our website tentatively use [www.ksretirees.net](http://www.ksretirees.net). The previous website address (.org) should be back up and running soon.

At the October meeting we put together a plan to complete a list of Email Blasts which will be distributed to the Kansas Senators and Representatives on a weekly basis during the 2020 Legislative Session.

The 2020 session is a 'carry over' session. The two (identical) bills we proposed last year HB2100 & SB74 are still in play. Testimony was held on HB2100. We know the annual cost to the State is \$13.4 Million for these bills. As indicated above, we don't know the 'cost' of Representative Benson's bill. We will certainly share this information when it is available. We have no further information regarding the status of Representative Benson's proposed bill.

We are also working on "The 2020 Report to the Legislature."

We want to remind you that July 1, 2019, marked 22 years w/o a COLA. On July 1, 2020, it will be 23 years. The updated figures indicate that 88% of the KPERS benefit recipients **have NEVER received a COLA.**

Remember to talk to your Kansas Representative and Senator about a need for a COLA prior to the beginning of the session.

**Monday, February 3, 2020, is the tentative date for our Annual Rally in Support of KPERS!! Put this on your calendar!! We will need you in attendance.**

Hope you have a wonderful week!!!

- A. Remember to send me your updated email address...also if for any reason you should no longer wish to receive this update, let me know at the address listed at the end of this "update," and I will contact you and remove you from the official mailing lists.
- B. Just a reminder, that this email is an official report of the Kansas Coalition of Public Retirees. If I editorialize, I will indicate that fact.
- C. Remember that we want you to forward this to other retirees and the "working" who will benefit from this information.
- D. The KCPR website is [www.ksretirees.org](http://www.ksretirees.org)

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