

Legislative Report #2

Over the last several months, the Retired State Employees Association Legislative Committee has been talking with key legislative leadership, members of the Central Texas delegation and others to discuss the Employees Retirement System pension fund and ways to set it upon a path to actuarial soundness. There has been keen awareness of the problem and much support for proposals to address the situation.

The list of offices where we met either the elected official or key staff (sometimes both and more than once) includes:

Governor Abbott – both legislative and budget staff;

Lt. Governor Dan Patrick;

Senators Paul Bettencourt, Rodney Ellis, Kevin Eltife, Troy Fraser, Joan Huffman, Lois Kolkhorst, Charles Schwertner, Kirk Watson and John Whitmire;

Senate Finance Committee

Speaker Joe Straus;

Representatives Roberto Alonzo, John Cyrier, Tony Dale, Drew Darby, Sarah Davis, Dawanna Dukes, Marsha Farney, Dan Flynn, Larry Gonzales, Donna Howard, Bryan Hughes, Jason Isaac, Celia Isreal, Susan Lewis King, Ruth Jones McClendon, Elliott Naishtat, John Otto, Dennis Paul, Eddie Rodriguez, Phil Stephenson, Sylvester Turner and Paul Workman.

Pensions Committee

House Working Group

If your Representative or Senator is not on this list, please call, write or email that member and ask them to support HB1, the General Appropriations Bill, which will come to the House floor next week. (See Legislative Report #1.)