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Introducer's Statement of Intent
LB 899

Chairperson: Dave Pankonin
Committee: Nebraska Retirement Systems
Date of Hearing: February 16, 2010

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB 899 removes the sunset language on the state contribution to the Annuity Reserve Fund (school employees), and the State Patrol and Judges retirement funds associated with the purchasing power adjustment to benefits in the judges, schools, and state patrol retirement plans. The sunsets were inserted in 1996 when the Help Education Lead to Prosperity (HELP) funds were shifted from teacher stipends to the State School Employees Retirement System, the Nebraska Retirement Fund for Judges, and the State Patrol Retirement Fund.

The OSERS plan also receives state contribution to the purchasing power adjustment but does not have a sunset.

The state remains liable for funding the purchasing power adjustment on benefits even if this language is removed; however, retaining the statutes makes clear that the purchasing power adjustments are to be funded from state funds and not by increased employee/employer contributions.

Principal Introducer: _____
Senator Jeremy Nordquist