

# LACERA LEGISLATIVE REPORT

## BILLS AMENDING CERL

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**CA AB 340**    **AUTHOR:**                      Furutani [D]  
**TITLE:**    County Employees' Retirement  
**INTRODUCED:**                                02/10/2011  
**LAST AMEND:**                                09/07/2011  
**SUMMARY:**  
Declares the intent of the Legislature to convene a conference committee to craft responsible, comprehensive legislation to reform state and local pension systems in a manner that reflects both the legitimate needs of public employees and the fiscal circumstances of state and local governments.

Earlier versions of the bill prohibited "pension spiking" and "double dipping".

The Conference Committee chaired by Assembly Member Warren Furutani and Senator Gloria Negrete McLeod has held three public hearings to date. While Governor Brown provided draft language for his 12-point pension reform plan to the Committee on February 2, 2012, it is unknown what will be crafted in the Committee's actual bill.

**STATUS:**  
09/09/2011                                      \*\*\*\*\*To CONFERENCE Committee.

**NOTES:**    Similar intent language was amended into SB 827 on September 7, 2011.

**BOR Position:**                                Watch (09/15/2011), (07/14/2011), (05/05/2011)  
**IBLC Rec:**                                      Watch (04/14/2011)  
**Staff Rec:**                                      Continue Watch

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**CA AB 738**    **AUTHOR:**                      Hagman [R]  
**TITLE:**    Public Employees' Retirement: Elected Officials  
**INTRODUCED:**                                02/17/2011  
**AMEND:**                                        01/05/2012  
**SUMMARY:**  
Prohibits a person who is publicly elected to an office of any kind on and after January 1, 2012, from becoming a member of a retirement system by virtue of that service or acquiring any retirement right or benefit for serving in that elective office. Applies these prohibitions to a person who is appointed to fill the term of a person so elected.

**STATUS:**  
02/01/2012                                      FAILED. January 31, 2012 was last day for each house to pass bills introduced in 2011.

**NOTES:**    Similar to SB 523. In Los Angeles County, elected officials include: Board of Supervisors, Sheriff, Assessor, D.A.

**BOR Position:**                                Oppose (05/05/2011)  
**IBLC Rec:**                                      Oppose (04/14/2011)  
**Staff Rec:**                                      Watch

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**CA AB 1212 AUTHOR:** Mansoor [R]  
**TITLE:** County Employees' Retirement  
**INTRODUCED:** 02/18/2011  
**LAST AMEND:** 05/31/2011  
**SUMMARY:**  
Authorizes the South Coast Air Quality Management District to adopt and provide retirement benefits for its employees, including unrepresented employees, hired on, or after, the date specified in any resolution, contract, or contract amendment. Prohibits those benefits unless they are adopted by the district's governing board pursuant to a memorandum of understanding. The May 31, 2011 amendment further specifies that this section shall not apply to South Coast Air Quality Management District employees who were hired before the effective date of this section.  
**STATUS:**  
02/01/2012 FAILED. Died on Inactive File.  
**BOR Position:** Watch (06/09/2011)  
**Staff Rec:** Watch

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**CA AB 1320 AUTHOR:** Allen [D]  
**TITLE:** Public Employees' Retirement  
**INTRODUCED:** 02/18/2011  
**LAST AMEND:** 09/02/2011  
**SUMMARY:**  
Establishes for each employer a Employer Rate Stabilization Account and related fund to stabilize employer retirement contributions. Requires the investment of the fund assets be established by the PERS Board of Administration. Requires contributions to the account and authorizes draws on the account under certain conditions. Establishes in each county or district's retirement fund a Rate Stabilization Account, and also requires contributions to the account and authorizes draws on the account.  
**STATUS:**  
09/09/2011 In ASSEMBLY. From Unfinished Business. To Inactive File.  
**BOI Position:** Support, if amended (07/13/2011)  
**Staff Rec:** Support, if amended

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**CA AB 1519 AUTHOR:** Wieckowski [D]  
**TITLE:** County Employee Retirement Boards  
**INTRODUCED:** 01/17/2012  
**SUMMARY:**  
Requires a county employee retirement board to adopt a policy for providing education for members of retirement boards. Requires all board members to receive a minimum number of hours of board member education within a specified timeframe of assuming office and for every subsequent specified period in which the person serves on the board. Requires the board to maintain a record of a member's compliance and to post the policy and an annual report on member compliance on the system's Internet Web site.  
**STATUS:**  
01/26/2012 To ASSEMBLY Committee on PUBLIC EMPLOYEES, RETIREMENT AND SOCIAL SECURITY.  
**NOTES:** Sponsored by SACRS. Amendment forthcoming due to drafting error.  
**Staff Rec:** Watch, pending amendment

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**CA AB 1542** **AUTHOR:** Norby [R]  
**TITLE:** Cost-of-Living Adjustments: Orange County  
**INTRODUCED:** 01/25/2012  
**SUMMARY:**  
Provides that a person who first becomes a member of the Orange County Employees Retirement system on or after a specified date shall not be eligible to receive an annual cost-of-living increase until at least 12 months from the date of that member's retirement and the member is only eligible to receive an adjustment based on the preceding 12 months.  
**STATUS:**  
02/2/2012 To ASSEMBLY Committee on PUBLIC EMPLOYEES,  
RETIREMENT AND SOCIAL SECURITY.  
**NOTES:** Applies to Orange County only.  
**Staff Rec:** Watch

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**CA SB 522** **AUTHOR:** Walters [R]  
**TITLE:** Public Employees' Retirement: Additional Retirement Credit  
**INTRODUCED:** 02/17/2011  
**LAST AMEND:** 03/22/2011  
**SUMMARY:**  
Repeals provisions which allow for purchase of ARC. Makes other technical changes.  
**STATUS:**  
01/31/2012 FAILED. January 31, 2012 was last day for each house to  
pass bills introduced in 2011.  
**NOTES:** For Los Angeles County, the current version of bill applies to  
contributory plan members only.  
**BOR Position:** Watch (05/05/2011)  
**IBLC Rec:** Watch (04/14/2011)  
**Staff Rec:** Watch

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**CA SB 523** **AUTHOR:** Walters [R]  
**TITLE:** Public Employees' Retirement: Elected Local Officials  
**INTRODUCED:** 02/17/2011  
**LAST AMEND:** 03/22/2011  
**SUMMARY:**  
Prohibits a person who is publicly elected to a local office of any kind from becoming a member of a retirement system by virtue of that service or from acquiring any retirement right or benefit for serving in that elective local office. Applies these prohibitions to a person who is appointed to fill the term of a person so elected.  
**STATUS:**  
01/31/2012 FAILED. January 31, 2012 was last day for each house to  
pass bills introduced in 2011.  
**NOTES:** This is similar to Assembly Bill 738.  
**BOR Position:** Oppose (05/05/2011)  
**IBLC Rec:** Refer to BOR for position (04/14/2011)  
**Staff Rec:** Watch