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Timothy M. Ross
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Dear Chair Ross:

The [Joint Interim Standing Committee on Education](#) (COE) spent a significant amount of time during the 2021–2022 Interim considering recommendations made by a variety of stakeholders to positively impact education in Nevada. One recommendation provided to the COE concerned the state's Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS).

During its meeting on [June 15, 2022](#), the COE heard testimony on a variety of recommendations to improve teacher recruitment and retention in Nevada. This testimony prompted discussion on PERS, specifically on how to better inform teachers about the benefits of PERS.

During the COE's work session on [August 30, 2022](#), the members unanimously agreed on the importance of increasing school personnel awareness of PERS. Specifically, they voted to encourage continued collaboration with schools, including charter schools, to inform teachers and other school personnel—especially new or potential employees—about the benefits of PERS. They further recommended encouraging the expansion or requirement of training on PERS benefits. Therefore, as Chair of the COE, I am reaching out to respectfully encourage your consideration of these recommendations regarding the awareness and benefits of PERS and Nevada's K-12 education workforce.

Thank you for considering the COE's recommendations. Should you or your staff have any questions, please contact the Committee's policy analysts, Jen Sturm, Jennifer Ruedy, or Alex Drozdoff at (775) 684-6825 or by email (jen.sturm@lcb.state.nv.us; JRuedy@lcb.state.nv.us; or Alex.Drozdoff@lcb.state.nv.us).

Sincerely,

Senator Moises (Mo) Denis, Chair
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