

Week 6 Update

The Legislature convened for the sixteenth and seventeenth legislative days of the Regular Session this week. The Legislature will take next week off for Spring Break. They will reconvene on Tuesday, April 2.

One new bill dealing with the RSA was introduced this week. SB251, by Sen. Jones, would prohibit ERS and TRS from investing with restricted entities affiliated with certain Chinese companies.

Three RSA bills were given favorable reports by legislative committees:

- HB71, by Rep. Clouse, authorizes emergency medical services personnel to receive hazardous duty service credit.
- SB12, by Sen. Elliott, removes the earnings limit for retirees who serve as elected officials in positions that are eligible to participate in ERS.
- SB32, by Sen. Barfoot, removes the requirement that retirement benefit garnishments for restitution must run through the District Attorneys' Restitution Recovery Division.

The House passed HB201, by Rep. Clouse, which establishes a procedure for granting and funding retiree benefit increases. The Senate passed SB56, by Sen. Orr, which terminates retirement benefits for TRS members who have been convicted of certain sex offenses involving a student or minor.