

ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 36—
COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

MAY 24, 2001

Referred to Committee on Elections, Procedures, and Ethics

SUMMARY—Directs Legislative Commission to conduct interim study of Public Employees' Benefits Program. (BDR R-1555)

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Directing the Legislative Commission to conduct an interim study of the Public Employees' Benefits Program.

1 WHEREAS, The Public Employees' Benefits Program provides various
2 types of insurance coverage and other benefits for most of the active and
3 retired state employees and for many other active and retired employees of
4 local governmental entities; and

5 WHEREAS, Many retired employees depend on the Public Employees'
6 Benefits Program for their primary or supplemental health coverage and
7 have been disproportionately affected by increases in their premium rates
8 and reductions in benefits; and

9 WHEREAS, With the changes in demographics in state employment, the
10 proportion of retired employees participating in the Program is likely to
11 increase significantly in the future; and

12 WHEREAS, During the immediately preceding legislative session, the
13 Legislature granted large groups of participants the ability to leave the
14 Program in certain circumstances; and

15 WHEREAS, The particular components of the package of benefits offered
16 by the Program, such as the level of deductibles and copayments, can affect
17 significantly the quantity and quality of benefits received by participants in
18 the Program; and

19 WHEREAS, The Program has experienced significant turnover in its
20 management staff recently; and

21 WHEREAS, The financial stability and actuarial soundness of the
22 Program is of vital importance to its participants and the State of Nevada;
23 now, therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE SENATE
25 CONCURRING, That the Legislative Commission is hereby directed to
26 appoint a committee of legislators to conduct an interim study of the Public
27 Employees' Benefits Program; and be it further

28 RESOLVED, That the study must include, without limitation:



- 1 1. An evaluation of the types of benefits offered by the Public
- 2 Employees' Benefits Program, including, without limitation, pharmacy
- 3 benefits;
- 4 2. An examination of the rate design of the Program;
- 5 3. Consideration of issues relating to retired employees who participate
- 6 in the Program;
- 7 4. An evaluation of the effect of the withdrawal of large groups of
- 8 participants from the Program; and
- 9 5. An examination of the management, financial stability and actuarial
- 10 soundness of the Program; and be it further
- 11 RESOLVED, That any legislation proposed by the interim committee
- 12 must be approved by a majority of the members of the Senate and a
- 13 majority of the members of the Assembly appointed to the interim
- 14 committee; and be it further
- 15 RESOLVED, That the Legislative Commission shall submit a report of
- 16 the results of the study and any recommendations for legislation to the
- 17 72nd session of the Nevada Legislature.

