

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 6387

As Passed Senate, February 12, 1998

Title: An act relating to authorizing deductions from retirement allowances for charitable purposes.

Brief Description: Authorizing charitable deductions from retirement allowances.

Sponsors: Senators Fraser, Swecker, Fairley, Rasmussen and Winsley.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Ways & Means: 1/21/98, 2/5/98 [DP].
Passed Senate, 2/12/98, 47-0.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS & MEANS

Majority Report: Do pass.

Signed by Senators West, Chair; Deccio, Vice Chair; Strannigan, Vice Chair; Bauer, Brown, Fraser, Hochstatter, Kohl, Long, Loveland, McDonald, Rossi, Schow, B. Sheldon, Snyder, Spanel, Swecker, Thibaudeau, Winsley and Zarelli.

Staff: Debrah Kime (786-7454)

Background: Currently, a Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) retiree or a beneficiary of a PERS retirement allowance cannot have charitable deductions automatically withdrawn from that retirement allowance on the same terms as employees and public officers.

Summary of Bill: A PERS retiree or a beneficiary of a PERS retirement allowance is not prohibited from authorizing deductions from that allowance for charitable purposes.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Requested on January 19, 1998.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

Testimony For: Retirees would appreciate the opportunity to have charitable contributions automatically withdrawn from their monthly retirement allowances.

Testimony Against: None.

Testified: Joe Beck, Public Employees Retirement Council (pro).