

BILL SUMMARY
2nd Session of the 53rd Legislature

Bill No.:	HB 2322
Version:	Introduced
Request Number:	8399
Author:	Rep. Randy McDaniel
Date:	2/22/2012
Impact:	OPERS: \$0 Actuarial Impact

Research Analysis

HB 2322, as introduced, removes the requirement that funds of the Oklahoma Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS) be actively managed. The measure also eliminates the requirement that the Board of Trustees of OPERS adopt a cost of living actuarial assumption in the annual actuarial valuation report. Additionally, the measure allows newly elected officials to participate in an OPERS program available to other OPERS members, whereby the member increases their contribution rate and receives an increased retirement benefit.

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Fiscal Analysis

HB 2322 brings certain statutory language related to the Oklahoma Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS) into conformity with changes made by SB 794 (2011). The measure also permits elected officials to participate in OPERS "Step Up" program available to other OPERS members. The Step Up allows members to step up their retirement calculation multiplier from 2.0% to 2.5%, by paying an additional member contribution. The additional contribution required is set at a level that equals the actuarial cost of the increased benefits. For this reason HB 2322 is expected to have no actuarial impact on the system.

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Other Considerations

Under the procedures and provisions of the Oklahoma Pension Legislation Actuarial Analysis Act (OPLAAA) HB 2322 in its current form has been deemed a non fiscal retirement bill by the Legislative Actuary, meaning the bill neither grants a benefit increase, adds actuarial liability, nor increases the normal cost of the retirement system affected.