

URS Fiscal Analysis of 2015 H.B. 133

Summary of Fiscal Impact

If enacted, the immediate budget impact of H.B. 133, Firefighter Retirement Amendments, will be equal to the payroll of employees who change participation between systems times the difference in the contribution rates. Also, the Utah Retirement Systems (URS) does not expect there to be any increase to the actuarially determined contribution rates.

Proposed Legislative Provisions

Under H.B. 133, a person employed as the state fire marshal or a deputy state fire marshal is eligible to participate in the Firefighters' Retirement System or the New Public Safety and Firefighter Tier II Contributory Retirement System.

Discussion and Actuarial Analysis

For purposes of determining the member's eligibility for a normal retirement benefit, the member's entire service in URS will continue to be combined if the member has service credit in more than one system.

As currently drafted, H.B. 133 is only applicable to the state fire marshal and a deputy state fire marshal. The immediate budget impact will be equal to the payroll of such employees who change participation between systems times the difference in the contribution rates. Also, because only a couple of members may potentially change system participation, URS does not expect any material impact on any retirement system's actuarial accrued liability or actuarially determined contribution rate.