

TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO SB 438: AN ACT CONCERNING REVISIONS TO THE
TEACHERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM

I am opposed to SB438 unless it contains an amendment to include a third retired teacher representative on the TRB.

AMENDMENT:

“Upon enactment of SB438 and quadrennially thereafter, the TRB System shall elect from their number in a manner prescribed by said board, one person to serve as a member of said board for a term of four years following such election. Such person shall be a retired teacher, who shall be nominated by the members of the system who are retired, elected by all the retired members of the system and, is a member of an organization exclusively composed of retired teachers not currently represented on the TRB”

In 1991 there was a statutory adjustment to align the number of elected retired teachers as members of the TRB. Last year there were 51,000 active teachers and 38,000 retired teachers in our state. A third elected retired teacher needs to be added to the TRB so that the ratio of retired teachers to active teachers is 4 to 3. This would be a fair representation of the proportions between active and retired teachers.

The additional retired teacher representative should be nominated by an organization that is composed of retired teachers, not currently represented on the TRB. This would broaden representation for a greater number of retired teachers.

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