

Testimony in Support of SB 1082  
March 29, 2021

Dear Co-Chairs Senator Osten and Rep. Walker, Vice-Chairs Senator Hartley, Rep. Dathan and Rep. Nolan, and Ranking Members Senator Miner and Rep. France, and Distinguished Members of the Appropriations Committee,

My name is Renée S. Hughes and I am a resident of Simsbury. I am a retired Connecticut teacher. I taught in Canton for 38.8 years

I am writing in SUPPORT OF SB 1082: **AN ACT CONCERNING A RETIRED TEACHER ADVISORY COUNCIL, THE MEMBERSHIP OF AND TERM LIMITS FOR THE TEACHERS' RETIREMENT BOARD, A CAP ON CERTAIN PROFESSIONAL FEES PAID BY THE BOARD, AND MEDICARE SUPPLEMENTAL PLANS FOR RETIRED TEACHERS.**

I am in support of the entire bill especially...

To Always offering an Original Medicare Supplement Plan as a healthcare choice for Teachers in their retirement. - Because it offers the assurances and protections of Original Medicare. Which I fully support!

I also feel it is important to have more retired teachers on the TRB board. This would provide for more retired teacher representation and aligns the number of retired teachers to the 4/3 active to retired ration in the CT teacher population.

In addition, I also support:

Creating an Advisory Council. – which brings relevant experience of those who are part of the teacher retirement system and will assist in understanding members needs and creates a formal process for input

I would like to see a cap on professional fees paid out of Health Insurance Premium Account. – This is a fiscally responsible way to preserve the fund that all teachers pay into for their healthcare.

I am asking the Committee to vote “Yes” and to support SB 1082 for retired CT teachers.

I would like to thank the committee for all your hard work on behalf of Ct retired teachers.

Sincerely,  
Renée S. Hughes  
Simsbury, CT