

2018 LEGISLATIVE MATRIX

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STATE LEGISLATION

AB 1597 (Nazarian) Amended: 7/3/18 Analysis	Author	Prohibits the CalSTRS and CalPERS boards from making additional or new investments or renewing existing investments in any investment vehicle issued, owned, controlled or managed by the government of Turkey, immediately upon passage of a federal law imposing sanctions on Turkey for failure to acknowledge the Armenian Genocide, and requires divestment from such investments within six months of the passage of such a federal law, subject to the fiduciary duty of these boards. Requires these boards, within one year of the passage of such a federal law, to report to the Legislature any investments in a Turkish investment vehicle and other specified information. Indemnifies present, former and future board members, officers and employees of and investment managers under contract with those retirement systems for actions related to the bill. Repeals the provisions upon a determination that Turkey has officially acknowledged its responsibility for the Armenian Genocide.	Oppose	Senate Appropriations Committee
AB 2052 (Bonta) Chaptered: 7/18/18 Analysis	CalSTRS	Effective upon authorization by the Teachers' Retirement Board (board), requires all employers to submit their contribution payments by an electronic funds transfer method. Also allows an employer that is unable to comply with this requirement to apply to the board for a waiver to pay in an alternate manner.	Sponsor	Chapter 125, Statutes of 2018
AB 2571 (Gonzalez Fletcher) Amended: 4/11/18 Analysis	Unite Here, Local 11	Requires public retirement systems to require alternative investment vehicles in which they invest to report annually information on race and gender pay equity and sexual harassment, as specified, for their subsidiaries that are hospitality employers, and contractors that operate their facilities, subject to the fiduciary duty of the retirement board. Requires the systems to disclose the reported information in a report presented at a public meeting and to provide the report upon request to any member of the Legislature. Indemnifies board members, officers and employees of, and investment managers under contract with those retirement systems for actions related to the bill. Provides a sunset date of January 1, 2022.	Watch	Not heard in Assembly PER&SS Committee

Board-sponsored bills in bold.

Bills not moving forward this year shaded gray.

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ACA 15 (Brough) Introduced: 5/9/17 Analysis	Author	Prohibits a government employer from enhancing new government employee defined benefit pension plan benefits, enrolling a new government employee in a defined benefit plan or paying more than one-half of the total cost of retirement benefits for new government employees without approval by the voters of the applicable jurisdiction. Also prohibits retirement boards from imposing fees or other financial conditions on a government employer that proposes to close a defined benefit pension plan to new members without approval by the voters of the applicable jurisdiction or the sponsoring government employer.	Oppose	Introduced
AJR 41 (Thurmond) Introduced: 5/29/18	Author	Requests the president and the U.S. Congress to enact legislation to repeal the Government Pension Offset and the Windfall Elimination Provision from the Social Security Act.	Support	Senate PE&R Committee
SB 783 (Pan) Amended: 6/14/18	Author	Makes a request by the Legislature to the University of California to establish the Pension Divestment Review Program to assess, at the request of specified legislative parties, any legislative proposal for the divestment or restriction of pension fund investments and prepare a written analysis containing relevant data, as prescribed, regarding the effects of the proposal on public employee pension funds and public policy.	Oppose	Assembly Appropriations Committee
SB 964 (Allen) Amended: 3/14/18 Analysis	Environment California, Fossil Free California	To the extent the CalSTRS and CalPERS boards identify “climate-related financial risk,” as defined, as a material risk to the fund, requires that risk to be analyzed. By January 1, 2020, and every three years thereafter, requires the boards to publicly report on the analysis of the climate-related financial risks of their public market portfolios. Provides a sunset date of January 31, 2035.	Neutral	Assembly Appropriations Committee
SB 1031 (Moorlach) Amended: 4/5/18 Analysis	Author	Prohibits public retirement systems from providing a cost-of-living adjustment for those who become new members on or after January 1, 2019, when the unfunded actuarial liability of the system is greater than 20 percent based upon the system’s Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.	Oppose	Held in Senate PE&R Committee

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SB 1165 (Pan) Amended: 6/6/18 Analysis	CalSTRS	Makes various technical, conforming or minor changes to the Teachers' Retirement Law to facilitate efficient administration of the State Teachers' Retirement Plan.	Sponsor	Assembly Appropriations Committee
SCA 8 (Moorlach) Introduced: 2/15/17 Analysis	Author	Permits a government employer to reduce retirement benefits that are based on work not yet performed by an employee regardless of the date that the employee was first hired, notwithstanding other provisions of the California Constitution or any other law. Prohibits the measure from being interpreted to permit the reduction of retirement benefits that a public employee has earned based on work that has been performed.	Oppose	Senate PE&R Committee
SCA 10 (Moorlach) Introduced: 2/17/17 Analysis	Author	Prohibits a government employer from providing public employees any retirement benefit increase, as defined, until that increase is approved by a two-thirds vote of the electorate of the applicable jurisdiction and that vote is certified.	Oppose	Senate PE&R Committee

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FEDERAL LEGISLATION

H.R. 10 (Hensarling-TX) Amended: 6/8/17 Analysis	Author	Repeals provisions of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act and changes shareholder proposal thresholds.	Oppose	Senate Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs
H.R. 985 (Goodlatte-VA) Amended: 3/9/17 Analysis	Author	Makes significant changes to laws governing class action lawsuits, including prohibiting class certification unless "each class member has suffered the same type and scope of injury." Among other provisions, also limits the amount and timing of attorney's fees and allows defendants to automatically appeal class certifications.	Oppose	Senate Committee on the Judiciary
H.R. 1205 (Davis-IL) Introduced: 2/21/17 Analysis	Author	Repeals the Government Pension Offset and the Windfall Elimination Provision.	Support	House Subcommittee on Social Security

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H.R. 6290 (Nunes-CA) Introduced: 6/28/18	Author	Requires the state or local applicable retirement plan sponsor to report to the U.S. Treasury Secretary each plan year beginning on or after January 1, 2019, specified information using the U.S. Treasury spot rate yield curve—so as to derive and apply a “risk free” rate of return—to calculate the information, where applicable. Failure to comply with the reporting requirements results in the forfeiture of federal tax benefits to bonds issued by the relevant state or political subdivision until noncompliance is remedied.	Oppose	House Committee on Ways and Means
S. 915 (Brown-OH) Introduced: 4/24/17 Analysis	Author	Repeals the Government Pension Offset and the Windfall Elimination Provision.	Support	Senate Committee on Finance