



Legislative Recap

February 22, 2019

NH House to Vote On COLA Bill!

On Wednesday, February 27, 2019, the NH House of Representatives will take up HB616-FN and decide whether or not ALL retirees will receive a 1.5% COLA on their full retirement benefit.

HB616-FN: [relative to a cost of living adjustment for retirees in the state retirement system](#)

- Sponsors: (Prime) Dianne Schuett , Howard Moffett, Phyllis Katsakiores, Mark Pearson, Sallie Fellows, Arthur Ellison
- Coalition Position: **SUPPORT**
- **ACTION: Passed Committee 17-2**
- **Committee Recommendation: Ought to Pass**

This bill will provide a 1.5% COLA for all NH retirees on their full retirement benefit. If passed, it would become a permanent addition to a retirees benefit.

As it stands today, no retiree will ever receive a Cost of Living Adjustment unless the NH Legislature decides to make it a priority.

LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD. Please use the materials and information below to connect with your Representative(s) *before Wednesday* and tell them to support the committee's recommendation of Ought to Pass on HB616-FN.

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This Week's Legislative Action

House ED&A Executive Committee

HB720-FN: [relative to part time employment of retired community college system faculty.](#)

- Sponsors: (Prime) Mel Myler , Christy Bartlett, David Luneau, Arthur Ellison
- Coalition Position: MONITOR
- **ACTION:** The committee accepted the recommendation from the sub-committee to defeat the bill and **voted 17-3** to do so.

House Finance Division I Work Session

HB110-FN-A: [relative to the cost of fiscal analysis of legislation relating to the retirement system.](#)

- Sponsors: (Prime) Katherine Rogers
- Coalition Position: **SUPPORT**
- Very little discussion in Finance Division I work session. They just asked Marty from NHRS to clarify purpose of bill and whats costs it would cover, but confirmed it was a pretty straight forward bill.
- **ACTION: Passed 4-0**

HB497-FN-LOCAL: [relative to payment by the state of a portion of retirement system contributions of political subdivision employers.](#)

- Sponsors: (Prime) Robert Renny Cushing
- Coalition Position: MONITOR.
- **ACTION: Retain 5-0**

Other House Votes Next Week

HB418-FN: [relative to the limitations on part-time employment under the New Hampshire retirement system.](#)

- Sponsors: (Prime) David Danielson
- Coalition Position: MONITOR
- **Committee Recommendation: Ought to Pass**

HB675-FN: [relative to the purchase of service credit in the state retirement system.](#)

- Sponsors: (Prime) Kristina Schultz , Sharon Carson, John Sytek
- Coalition Position: MONITOR
- **Committee Recommendation: Ought to Pass**

HB720-FN: [relative to part time employment of retired community college system faculty.](#)

- Sponsors: (Prime) Mel Myler , Christy Bartlett, David Luneau, Arthur Ellison
- Coalition Position: MONITOR
- **Committee Recommendation: Inexpedient to Legislate**

Will You Share Your Story?

- The Coalition is looking for active and retired members to participate in our "Share Your Story" Campaign.
- We are looking for members willing to share their story on video to help educate legislators, political leaders, and the public on the importance of pension and security in retirement.
- All it means is sitting down with us for just a few minutes to share your story!
- Check out this wonderful story put together by our counterparts in Kentucky: [Lisa's Story](#)
- Please email us at info@nhretirementsecuritycoalition.com and let us know if you would be willing to share your story.

[A full list of the bills the Coalition is following can be found on our website.](#)

The NH Retirement Security Coalition is made up of the following employee organizations:

- American Federation of State County and Municipal Employees Council 93
- American Federation of Teachers – New Hampshire
- National Educators Association - New Hampshire
- New England Police Benevolent Association
- New Hampshire Retired Educators Association
- New Hampshire School Administrators Association
- New Hampshire Higher Education Union – a division of IBEW Local 2320
- New Hampshire Troopers Association
- Professional Fire Fighters of New Hampshire
- State Employees Association of New Hampshire - SEIU Local 1984
- Teamsters Local 633

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