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ACTION REQUESTED TODAY: House Bill 1114 to be voted Wednesday, March 1

Treasurer Stapleton Tries Again to Obtain Private, Personal PERA Data Previously Denied by District Court, Appellate Court, Supreme Court

House Bill 1114 requires the PERA Board to provide to Colorado's State Treasurer the ability to review all records and information retained by PERA upon request. The request can't be denied for any reason. The State Treasurer is responsible for any reasonable costs and the information shall not be used for personal reasons by the Treasurer.

The PERA Board voted to oppose this bill, just as it refused Mr. Stapleton's request for such private information in 2014, believing that PERA law in the constitution prevented all persons (including ALL Board members) from such personal data access. Courts reviewed PERA law language and agreed with the Board. Mr. Stapleton sued and lost in district court, lost in appellate court, and was rebuffed by the Supreme Court when it declined to hear his appeal.

Now Treasurer Stapleton is trying a legislative route to obtain personal PERA information. During the lawsuit progress, when a judge asked Mr. Stapleton why he wanted the PERA data, the reply was, "We won't know that until we see that data."

PERA financial reports have been perennial winners of national and international recognition for thoroughness and transparency of information.

HB 1114 will be heard and voted upon by House State, Veterans, and Military Affairs Committee on WEDNESDAY MARCH 1.

Please consider emailing or phoning TODAY, asking all members of the House State, Veterans, and Military Affairs Committee (see contacts below), and your own representative, to vote to oppose HB 1114. A message is ESPECIALLY valuable if your representative is a committee member. Comments from local constituents carry high impact.

For contact information for your own representative, go to www.leg.colorado.gov and click on either “Find My Legislator” or “Legislators.” House Committee contacts are:

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