

1 resulted an \$8.5 billion shortfall, an increase from \$5.5 billion in their 2012 report,
2 and that this unfunded liability is being used to threaten the viability of
3 maintaining contracted benefits for PERS and TERS1 pension funds; and,
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5 WHEREAS, five States have language in their Constitutions to ensure that
6 employees' pension contracts-at-hire will not be diminished or impaired.
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8 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that RPEC ~~work to amend~~ **support legislation that**
9 **would propose an amendment to** the Constitution of the State of Washington -
10 through the mechanism of the State Legislature - to include the following
11 language:

12 *"Membership in any pension or retirement system of the State, any unit of local*
13 *government or school district, or any agency or instrumentality thereof, shall be*
14 *an enforceable contractual relationship, the benefits of which shall not be*
15 *diminished or impaired."*
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18 Submitted by Chapter 18 on May 8, 2018

19 Johanna Standish, President
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21 Committee Assignment: Legislative Committee

22 Committee Recommendation: **Concur as amended**

23 Convention Action: Passed
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