2017 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

TOP TIER PRIORITIES

- Restoration of the Plan 1 COLA
- Restore PEBB Medicare benefit by increasing the state's contribution by a minimum of $32.50 per month per member.
- Full funding of employer contribution rates to the pension plans
- Oppose effort to create a new state retirement plan
- Protect and Expand Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid
- Opposition to the TPP

STATE PRIORITIES

Retirement

- Restoration of the Plan 1 COLA
- Continue to support full funding of employer contribution rates as recommended by the State Actuary
- Oppose creation of any new retirement plans for public employees that diminish benefit levels and/or compromises retirement security
- Support legislation to create an automatic default into PERS Plan 2 for new employees
- Continue efforts to strengthen the role of active and retired PERS members in PERS governance
- Support legislation to study possibility of a state based Social Security supplement

Health Care

- Restore PEBB Medicare benefit by increasing the state's contribution by a minimum of $32.50 per month per member.
- Maintain retiree health insurance options through PEBB at affordable costs and adequate level of benefit for those who have access
- Support the creation of a public option on the state health insurance exchange to create competitive and affordable rates
- Access to affordable health care for all retired public employees
- Support and monitor the Office of the Insurance Commissioner in their regulation of Medicare supplement policies and rates to ensure quality plans are as affordable as possible
- Work to maintain and expand access to Dental coverage

Contracting Out/Privatization

- Oppose efforts to privatize or contract out public services

FEDERAL PRIORITIES

Social Security and Medicare

- Continue fight to protect Social Security from privatization
- Protect and Expand Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid

- Pass legislation that eliminates the contribution cap to Social Security ($118,500 in 2015) and adopts the CPI-E to calculate the cost-of-living adjustments
- Support the full implementation of the Older Americans Act
- Pursue affordable long-term care options for retirees
- Fight for the elimination of the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) and the Government Pension Offset (GPO) which unfairly diminishes the Social Security benefit of some public employees
- Opposition to the TPP

RPEC ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

- Continue to encourage RPEC member-volunteers to advance RPEC's legislative agenda and support lobbying activities year around

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