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**Testimony in Support of HB 399**

State Retirement and Pension System – Transfers Between Systems – Workgroup - Extension

Testimony of Delegate Cathi Forbes

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***What this bill does***

This legislation would extend the time for the workgroup convened by the State Retirement Agency to study [Title 37 of the State Personnel and Pensions article](#) that governs transfer of service from any State or local retirement or pension system to another State or local retirement or pension system. This workgroup was established by [HB 584](#) in the 2024 legislative session and will make recommendations to improve the process of transfers between systems.

This legislation allows the workgroup to continue its mission and extends the due date for the report of the findings and recommendations from December 1, 2025 to October 1, 2026.

***Why this is necessary***

Provisions within Title 37 include those that address the types of service credit that may be transferred from one system to another, the member contributions and interest that must accompany those transfers, and the time frame under which the transfers must be made.

After convening during the 2025 legislative interim, the workgroup determined that additional research would be required regarding the history of statutory provisions before legislative options could be determined.

***Why you should vote for this bill***

This workgroup is doing its due diligence to ensure any recommendations it brings forth provide clarity to the state statutes and that the Retirement Agency is able to implement the provisions.

I ask for a favorable report. Thank you.