

SB-1189

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Executive Summary

SB 1189, introduced by Senator Limón during the 2023-2024 Regular Session of the California Legislature, seeks to amend Section 31522.10 of the Government Code relating to the County Employees Retirement Law of 1937 (CERL). The bill authorizes county boards of retirement to appoint a chief technology officer in addition to the already authorized positions of retirement administrator, chief financial officer, chief operations officer, chief investment officer, and general counsel.

The bill recognizes the evolving needs of retirement systems, particularly the increasing importance of technology in managing retirement benefits and services efficiently. By allowing the appointment of a chief technology officer, SB 1189 aims to enhance the technological capabilities of county retirement systems, ensuring they can better serve their members, including senior citizens who rely on timely and accurate pension benefits.

The County Employees Retirement Law of 1937 provides a framework for counties to establish retirement systems that deliver pension benefits to their employees. The inclusion of a chief technology officer is expected to improve the administration and security of these systems, leveraging modern technology to streamline operations and protect sensitive member information.

This legislative change underscores the commitment to adapt to current technological demands, ultimately benefiting senior citizens by providing more reliable and secure retirement services. It also emphasizes the importance of specialized roles within retirement boards to maintain and enhance the quality of service provided to retirees.

In summary, SB 1189 is a significant step toward modernizing county retirement systems, ensuring that they are equipped to handle the complexities of today's technological landscape. This modernization is crucial for maintaining the integrity and efficiency of retirement systems that many senior citizens depend on for their financial security.



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Our Position

Senate Bill 1189 (SB 1189) amends the County Employees Retirement Law of 1937 to authorize the retirement board to appoint a chief technology officer (CTO). This bill is crucial for modernizing the administration of retirement systems, directly impacting the quality of retirement benefits and services for our senior citizens.

Elderly Care Everywhere strongly supports SB 1189 because it aligns with our mission to advocate for the efficiency and security of retirement systems for seniors. Integrating a CTO into the retirement board is essential for enhancing the technological capabilities and safeguarding the sensitive data of retirement systems. This modernization is particularly vital for senior citizens who rely on the timely and accurate processing of their retirement benefits.

According to recent data, cybersecurity threats have increased by 400% since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. Implementing this role within the retirement board will help safeguard sensitive information and give seniors confidence that their data is protected. This, in turn, enhances the reliability of the services offered and the overall satisfaction of the retirees.

SB 1189 enhances operational efficiency and ensures that the retirement system keeps pace with technological advancements. By appointing a CTO, the board can better manage technological challenges and innovations, ultimately improving service delivery to seniors.

We urge the Assembly Committee on Public Employment and Retirement to vote in favor of SB 1189 and support this vital step toward securing and enhancing the retirement system for our senior citizens.



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Letter of Support for SCR-104

The Honorable Blanca Pacheco, Chair
Assembly Committee on Rules
1021 O Street, Suite 6250
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Support for SCR 104

Dear Chair Pacheco and Members of the
Committee,

On behalf of Elderly Care Everywhere, I am writing to express our strong support for SCR 104, which recognizes May 2024 as Older Americans Month and encourages all Californians to honor and engage with older adults.

SCR 104 is crucial for acknowledging the significant contributions that older adults have made and continue to make in our communities. By designating May as Older Americans Month, this resolution promotes awareness and appreciation for the diverse and rich experiences of older adults in California. It also serves as a call to action for individuals, organizations, and policymakers to prioritize our senior population's health, welfare, and happiness.

California's senior population is rapidly growing, with projections indicating an increase from 7.6 million individuals over 60 to 10.8 million by 2050. This demographic shift underscores the need for a comprehensive approach to supporting older adults, particularly through initiatives like the proposed master plan on aging. Furthermore, SCR 104 highlights the importance of elder justice and equitable treatment in all aspects of life. It acknowledges the unique challenges older adults face, including those from diverse racial and ethnic backgrounds, and emphasizes the need for culturally competent care and services. This resolution is a step towards ensuring that all older Californians can age with dignity and respect.

We strongly urge you to support SCR 104 and join us in celebrating the contributions of older adults throughout the state. This resolution recognizes their past achievements and commits to their future well-being.

Sincerely,
Aakrisht Mehra
Founder/CEO
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Letter of Support for SB-1189

The Honorable Tina McKinnor, Chair
Assembly Committee on Public Employment and Retirement
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Support for SB 1189

Dear Assembly Member McKinnor and Members of the Assembly Committee on Public Employment and Retirement,

On behalf of Elderly Care Everywhere, I am writing to express our strong support for SB 1189, which amends the County Employees Retirement Law of 1937 to authorize the retirement board to appoint a chief technology officer (CTO). This bill is crucial for modernizing the administration of retirement systems, directly impacting the quality of retirement benefits and services for our senior citizens.

Integrating a CTO into the retirement board is essential for enhancing the efficiency and security of retirement systems. As digital transformation continues to shape our public service infrastructure, having a dedicated CTO will ensure that our retirement systems are protected against cyber threats and operate smoothly. This modernization is particularly vital for senior citizens who depend on the timely and accurate processing of their retirement benefits.

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About Elderly Care Everywhere

Elderly Care Everywhere is a transformative nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the lives of senior citizens. Since its inception, the organization has positively impacted over 40,000 seniors through a variety of programs aimed at enhancing their quality of life.

Elderly Care Everywhere has been instrumental in alleviating hundreds of thousands of dollars in medical debt, ensuring that seniors have access to the healthcare they need without the burden of financial stress. With more than 20 chapters across the United States, the organization extends its reach and resources to numerous communities, providing support and advocacy on a national scale.

Beyond U.S. borders, Elderly Care Everywhere has established flood relief camps in India, showcasing its commitment to global humanitarian efforts. The organization's impactful work has been recognized by the government of New Delhi, further highlighting its significant contributions to senior care and welfare. Through these efforts, Elderly Care Everywhere continues to lead the way in senior advocacy, ensuring that the elderly are treated with dignity and respect worldwide.

Thank you for your support of SB-1189. If you have any questions, feel free to email us at connect@elderlycareeverywhere.org