

R# 7

Subject: Retiree COLA

Submitted by: Retirement Committee

Category: Legislative Issue

Whereas – the last COLA received was 2010 and CPI has increased;

Whereas – we fight every year for a COLA for our retirees and rarely receive one;

Whereas – the current law that describes the NHRS system doesn't contain any language for a COLA;

Whereas – Maine has in it's law an automatic COLA based on the consumer price index or the All Urban Consumers index whichever is lower;

Whereas – as the price for items that our retirees pay for increases their retirement payments will also increase;

Whereas – including a cap to ensure that the state doesn't have a huge jump in cost during any particular budget cycle;

Therefore, be it further resolved that the State Employees Association to find a legislator to sponsor a bill to change RSA 100-A that governs the NHRS to include an automatic COLA for retirees based on the percentage of the consumer price index increases each budget cycle. Any year that the consumer price index does not increase there will be no COLA. Any year where the consumer price index decreases will not affect retiree's payments. This will also help catch up for losses when they received no COLA.

Recommendation: Ought to Pass.

____moved that the Resolution be:

[] Passed

[] Defeated

[] Tabled until

Comments

