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OPRI MEMBERSHIP SURVEY 2018-19

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Hello, may I please speak to _____? My name is _____. I'm calling on behalf of your association, the Oregon PERS Retirees. We are conducting a brief survey of members to get your opinions on the PERS system so that we may better represent you in the state capitol. May I please take a few minutes of your time?

- A. Taking everything into consideration, what is your biggest concern right now about the Oregon Public Employee Retirement System? (**PROBE**)
- B. What is the most important issue you'd like your association – Oregon PERS Retirees – to work on? (**PROBE**)

1. Do you believe that Oregon's Public Employee Retirement System has become a financial crisis for state and local governments and school districts?

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| 1. Yes | 48 |
| 2. No | 37 |
| 3. Not Sure/Refused | 15 |

2. Generally speaking, do you FAVOR or OPPOSE PERS reform proposals that would require future PERS retirees to make greater contributions to their own personal retirement accounts in order to reduce the PERS unfunded liability?

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| 1. Favor | 43 |
| 2. Oppose | 29 |
| 3. Not Sure/Refused | 28 |

The next several questions will focus on potential proposals to reform Oregon's Public Employee Retirement System. Please indicate whether you would FAVOR or OPPOSE each of the following proposals.

3. Do you FAVOR or OPPOSE a proposal that would cap the salary used to calculate pension benefits at \$100,000 for future retirees?
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| 1. Favor | 55 |
| 2. Oppose | 30 |
| 3. Not Sure/Refused | 15 |
4. Do you FAVOR or OPPOSE a proposal that would eliminate the PERS pension program for future public employees and move to a 401(k)-style defined contribution plan for all future employees?
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| 1. Favor | 15 |
| 2. Oppose | 63 |
| 3. Not Sure/Refused | 22 |
5. Do you FAVOR or OPPOSE a proposal that would give current public employees a choice of staying with the PERS pension program or switching to a 401(k)-style defined contribution plan?
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| 1. Favor | 58 |
| 2. Oppose | 28 |
| 3. Not Sure/Refused | 14 |
6. Do you FAVOR or OPPOSE a proposal that would require current public employees to contribute a portion of their salary that currently goes into their IAP Account into the pension in order to reduce the pension liability?
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| 1. Favor | 28 |
| 2. Oppose | 29 |
| 3. Not Sure/Refused | 43 |
7. Do you FAVOR or OPPOSE a proposal that would increase business and corporate taxes and dedicate those revenues to reducing the PERS unfunded liability?
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| 1. Favor | 42 |
| 2. Oppose | 39 |
| 3. Not Sure/Refused | 19 |
8. Generally speaking, would you FAVOR or OPPOSE legislation that would expand re-hire opportunities of PERS retirees by allowing them to work more than 1,039 hours per year for a public employer while still receiving PERS benefits?
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| 1. Favor | 44 |
| 2. Oppose | 41 |
| 3. Not Sure/Refused | 15 |

DEMOGRAPHICS:

9. GENDER:

1. Male
2. Female

10. EMPLOYMENT: Did you retire from service in...?

1. State Government
2. Local Government
3. School District
4. Special District
5. Not Sure/Refused

11. HOW LONG have you been retired from public service?

1. Less than 5 years
2. Between 6 – 15 years
3. More than 15 years

That completes our survey. Thank you for your membership in the Oregon PERS Retirees and thank you for your feedback.