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### **NH House passes measure blocking towns and cities from gaming state Retirement System**

**CONCORD, NH** – The New Hampshire House passed **HB 561** today by voice vote, sending to the state Senate a solution to stop towns and cities from gaming the New Hampshire Retirement System (NHRS).

Towns and cities across New Hampshire consistently gripe about the lack of talent required to fill management and part-time positions in local government, while at the same time wishing the employer contributions required to fulfill pension debts are staved off to the next generation. Working after retirement, otherwise known as “double dipping,” spreads the costs of the Unfunded Actuarially Accrued Liability (UAAL) of the NHRS to other cities and towns participating in the system, but little has been done until now to address the practice.

**House Bill 561, authored by longtime Rep. Neal Kurk (R-Weare)** and debated for weeks in the House Executive Departments and Administration Committee, accomplishes both enforcement, by giving the state’s pension system penalty measures for exceeding hourly work limitations; and accountability, requiring towns and cities to pay their debt obligations even when reclassifying employee positions to part-time or filling them on an interim basis.

Highlighting public safety heads retiring on Friday and coming back to work on Monday on a “part-time basis” without adding to their pension benefit, public employees say enough is enough. “Cities and towns have used gimmicks to skirt their debts and employer obligations for far too long,” says **Bill McQuillen**, Chair of the NH Retirement Security Coalition and President of the Professional Fire Fighters of New Hampshire. “The unanimous recommendation of the Committee and consent of the full House of Representatives clearly indicates our elected officials’ priorities. The House approved responsible and sensible measures to ensure the security of the NHRS and address the UAAL.”

HB 561 now goes to the State Senate, where it will be heard in the Executive Departments and Administration Committee.

*The New Hampshire Retirement Security Coalition consists of a dozen public sector member organizations fighting to ensure accountability and fairness on behalf of taxpayers and employees throughout the Granite State.*

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