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Agency: BOARD TRUSTEES EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM TEXAS ERS

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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: It is absolutely essential to inclusive and fair representation that state retirees be allowed to run for the ERS Board. Retirees, as a class, who have no representation on the Board, lose the value of their retirement benefit each year that no adjustment is made to offset the ever rising costs of living that affect retirees and non-retirees alike. Over time their retirement benefit is swallowed by inflation, and, eventually, becomes worthless when they are old and need it the most.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: For years the state's Medicaid program has been giving away millions of dollars to third-party health insurers and pharmacy benefit managers by pursuing ineffective and outdated cost recovery and cost avoidance policies, thus depleting the state's general revenue fund. This came to my attention before my retirement and while I was working as an Assistant Attorney General in the state's Medicaid Fraud Division. Effective cost recovery and cost avoidance do not require lawsuits or proof of fraud - they simply require obtaining information to which the state is entitled as a HIPPA health oversight agency, and using that information to send out bills to the companies that owe the state money. The money that the state neglects, fails or refuses to collect would go directly into general revenue and could be appropriated to Medicaid as well as any other state programs, including ERS. While this comment is not directly related to ERS, it is related to the state's general revenue fund, which affects all functions of state government, including ERS.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree