

**Financial Statements** 

June 30, 2014

(With Independent Auditors' Report Thereon)

Submitted by

THE AUDITOR STATE OF HAWAII

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# **Independent Auditors' Report**

The Auditor The State of Hawaii:

# **Report on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Employees' Retirement System of the State of Hawaii (the ERS) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2014 and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the ERS' basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

# Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal controls relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

# Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting principles used and the reasonableness of significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.



# Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the fiduciary net position of the Employees' Retirement System of the State of Hawaii as of June 30, 2014, and the changes in fiduciary net position for the year then ended in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

# **Emphasis of Matter**

As discussed in Note C(1) to the financial statements, in 2014, the ERS adopted Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 67, *Financial Reporting for Pension Plans – an amendment to GASB No.* 25. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

# **Other Matters**

# Required Supplementary Information

U.S. generally accepted accounting principles require that the management's discussion and analysis on pages 4 through 10 and required supplementary information including the schedules of changes in the employers' net pension liability and related ratios, employers' net pension liability, employer contributions, and investment returns on pages 42 through 48 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

# Supplementary and Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements that collectively comprise the ERS' basic financial statements. The supplementary information including the combining schedule of changes in fiduciary net position, social security contribution fund, statement of changes in assets and liabilities, schedules of administrative expenses and investment expenses in schedules 1 through 4 for the year ended June 30, 2014 is presented for purposes of additional analysis, and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. The combining schedule of changes in fiduciary net position, social security contribution fund, statement of changes in assets and liabilities, schedules of administrative expenses and investment expenses are the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the combining schedule of changes in fiduciary net position, social security contribution fund, statement of changes in assets and liabilities, schedules of administrative expenses and investment expenses are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.



# Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated December 14, 2015, on our consideration of the ERS' internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the ERS' internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

KPMG LLP

Honolulu, Hawaii December 14, 2015

Management's Discussion and Analysis (Unaudited)

June 30, 2014

Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) of the Employees' Retirement System of the State of Hawaii (the ERS) provides highlights and comparisons of the financial position and performance of the ERS as of and for the year ended June 30, 2014. The MD&A is presented as a narrative overview and analysis. For more detailed information pertaining to the ERS' financial activities, the reader should also review the actual financial statements, including the notes and supplementary schedules.

# **Overview of the Financial Statements**

The ERS is responsible for administering a defined-benefit pension plan for state government, local government, and public education employees in the State of Hawaii (the State). The ERS also oversees the short-term investments of the federal Social Security employer contributions for the State in the Social Security Contribution Fund (Contribution Fund).

The ERS' financial statements include fiduciary type funds that are used to account for resources held for the benefit of parties outside of the ERS. The primary fund is defined as a Pension Trust Fund as these assets are held for the benefit of its members and their beneficiaries for the payment of pension benefits, while the Contribution Fund is an agency type fund that is custodial in nature. Throughout this discussion and analysis, units of measure (i.e., billions, millions, and thousands) are approximate, being rounded up or down to the nearest tenth of the respective unit value.

The ERS adopted Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 67, *Financial Reporting for Pension Plans-an amendment of GASB Statement No. 25* in 2014. The objective of GASB Statement No. 67 is to improve financial reporting with enhancements to footnote disclosure and required supplementary information for pension plans that separates the accounting and reporting requirements from the funding decisions and require the unfunded portion of the pension liability to be apportioned among the participating employers. The previous standards followed a long-term funding policy perspective for the accounting and reporting requirements of the pension related liabilities. While this implementation requires almost all "member contributions" to be classified for financial statement reporting as "employer contributions" since these member contributions are "picked up" by the employer and treated as employer contributions under Internal Revenue Code Section 414(h)(2), it does not change the funding policy of the ERS. The new standards are discussed in more detail later in the applicable sections of this MD&A and the Notes to Financial Statements.

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the ERS' financial reporting, which comprises the following components:

- The two main basic financial statements include the statement of fiduciary net position as of June 30, 2014, and the related statement of changes in fiduciary net position during the fiscal year from July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014 (FY 2014). These provide a snapshot of the resources available at the end of the fiscal year and a summary of changes in resources available to pay pension benefits to members, retirees, and beneficiaries.
- The related notes to financial statements are an integral part of the basic financial statements and include detailed information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the basic financial statements.

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- The Required Supplementary Schedules of Changes in the Employers' Net Pension Liability and Related Ratios, Employers' Net Pension Liability, Employer Contributions and Investment Returns, and the related Notes to Required Supplementary Information, are required to be presented to supplement the basic financial statements for placing the financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context.
- The remaining supplementary information is derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements, provides additional detailed information concerning the changes in operating funds established by legislation, and the operating and investment related expenses of the ERS.

### **Financial Highlights**

- The overall financial position of the ERS improved during the year ended June 30, 2014. As of June 30, 2014, fiduciary net position restricted for pension benefits was \$14.2 billion, or an increase of about \$1.9 billion during the fiscal year then ended. This represents an increase of approximately 15.4% from the \$12.3 billion in fiduciary net position restricted for pension benefits as of June 30, 2013. The increase in fiduciary net position restricted for pension benefits the second year of strong returns in the worldwide equity markets.
- During FY 2014, the annual money-weighted return on ERS' pension plan investments, net of pension plan investment expenses was 17.9%. The investment program outperformed its actuarial goal of 7.75% and outperformed the total market return objective of 7.9% for the one-year period based on the 2013 Pension Consulting Alliance long-term capital markets outlook.
- There was no legislation implemented in 2014 that significantly impacts the pension trust. The nominal investment return target rate for the ERS investment portfolio remained unchanged at 7.75% while the payroll growth and inflation assumptions remained constant at 3.5% and 3.0%, respectively.
- Total pension liability as of June 30, 2014 was \$22.2 billion compared to \$21.2 billion as of June 30, 2013, while the corresponding net pension liability was \$8.0 billion and \$8.9 billion, respectively. Covered payroll for the ERS totaled \$3.8 billion in FY 2014, up from \$3.7 billion in FY 2013, for 2.7% increase.
- The fiduciary net position as a percentage of total pension liability was 63.9% as of June 30, 2014 and 58.2% as of June 30, 2013, while the funded ratio on an actuarial basis increased to 61.4% from 60.0% June 30, 2013, respectively. The main difference between the two methods is under GASB Statement No. 67 the net position is based only on the market value of assets while under GASB Statement No. 25 actuarial value for the net assets allows for a four-year market smoothing of assets of net appreciation. On an actuarial funding basis, there were deferred investment losses of \$391.0 million as of June 30, 2013.
- Contributions from members and employers increased by a total of \$91.9 million during FY 2014, or 12.0%. Most of the increase is due to an increase in required contribution rates paid by the employers for all employee groups, and to a lesser extent an increase in member contributions ("picked up" as employer contributions beginning in FY 2014) with more active members being required to contribute, and an increase in new employees contributing at higher contribution rates. Per 2011 legislation, the employer contributions rate will increase annually over the next two fiscal years and new members will pay a higher contributions rate.

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- Total retirement benefit payments increased by \$61.8 million, or 5.8%, to \$1,122.4 million in FY 2014 compared to \$1,060.6 million in FY 2013. Pension benefits continues to increase due to 3.0% more retirees and beneficiaries (43,087 in 2014 compared to 41,812 in 2013), an increase in the average pension benefit for new retirees, and the annual 2.5% postretirement increase.
- Administrative expenses increased by \$0.7 million in FY 2014 to \$12.6 million compared to \$11.9 million in FY 2013. Administrative expenses for all years were within the ERS' budgeted amounts. The increase for FY 2014 was primarily due to an increase in payroll costs.

### Analysis of Fiduciary Net Position Restricted for Pension Trust

# **Summary of Fiduciary Net Position**

### June 30, 2014 and 2013

# (Dollars in millions)

	 2014	2013	FY 2014 percentage change
Assets:			
Cash and cash equivalents and short-term			
investments	\$ 421.3	378.1	11.4 %
Receivables	189.1	506.3	(62.7)
Investments	14,064.0	12,210.3	15.2
Invested securities lending collateral	1,233.1	—	100.0
Equipment	 10.1	9.4	7.4
Total assets	 15,917.6	13,104.1	21.5
Liabilities:			
Securities lending liability	1,233.1	_	100.0
Investment accounts and other payables	 481.5	792.3	(39.2)
Total liabilities	 1,714.6	792.3	116.4
Net position restricted for pensions	\$ 14,203.0	12,311.8	15.4

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# **Summary of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position**

June 30, 2014 and 2013

(Dollars in millions)

		2014	2013	FY 2014 percentage change
Additions: Contributions	\$	859.2	767.3	12.0%
Net investment income	φ	2,175.5	1,331.2	63.4
Total additions		3,034.7	2,098.5	44.6
Deductions:				
Pension benefit payments		1,122.4	1,060.6	5.8
Refund of contributions		8.5	7.2	18.1
Administrative expenses		12.6	11.9	5.9
Total deductions		1,143.5	1,079.7	5.9
Increase in net position	\$	1,891.2	1,018.8	85.6

# Investments, Investment Income, and Investment Expense

The ERS is a long-term investor and manages its pension assets with long-term objectives in mind. A primary element of the ERS' investment philosophy is diversification among various asset classes. The ERS makes estimates of long-term market returns and establishes an asset allocation strategy taking into account the risks associated with each asset class.

The ERS investment portfolio earned 17.9% (annual money-weighted rate of return) on investments during FY 2014 following a gain of 12.6% during FY 2013 due to the strength of the equity markets during the year. For the second year, total net investment income of \$2,175.5 in FY 2014 exceeded the target investment rate and compared to \$1,331.2 in FY 2013.

Domestic equity, international equity from the public markets, and private equity from the illiquid markets were the top performing asset classes with returns of 26.5%, 20.4%, and 20.4%, respectively, followed by covered calls at 13.5% and real return at 8.0% for the FY 2014. While all asset classes had positive returns, the other asset classes did not beat the portfolio benchmark. This includes international fixed income at 6.9%, diversified fixed income at 6.3% and both private equity and real estate at under 6.5%.

The ERS participates in a securities lending program through its global custodian as a way to earn incremental income to enhance the investment portfolio yield. There were no assets or liabilities for the securities lending program reflected on the summary of net position above as of June 30, 2013 due to temporary suspension of the ERS securities lending program in mid-June 2013 to late-July 2013 as part of the transition to the new ERS custodian bank on July 1, 2013.

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The asset distribution of the ERS' investment securities for the pension trust, excluding pending trade settlements and securities lending collateral, at June 30, 2014 and 2013 is presented below at fair value. Investment balances between the asset classes will change over time based on market sectors' performance and our rebalancing efforts to maintain asset allocation targets. Changes will also occur for financial reporting since certain real estate and alternative investments are reported on the consolidated method of accounting using the value of the underlying investments since ERS is the majority owner of the business organization.

Investments in short-term securities and cash are generally held by external investment managers for liquidity to settle pending trades and investments, and should not exceed 5% - 10% of the investments for certain managers based on their investment mandate. These amounts reported on the financial statements also include cash requirements used by ERS to fund pension benefits and transition amounts between individual investments. Fluctuations will occur based on the trading activity and timing of the settlements. The increase in all asset classes is mainly due to positive investment returns during FY 2014.

#### **Investment Asset Class**

June 30, 2014 and 2013

(Dollars in millions)						
		2014	Percentage	2013	Percentage	
Short-term investments and cash	\$	421.3	2.9% \$	378.1	3.0%	
Equity securities		9,450.3	65.2	7,801.9	62.0	
Fixed income		2,670.1	18.4	2,630.7	20.9	
Real estate		1,192.6	8.2	1,153.7	9.2	
Alternative investments		751.1	5.2	624.1	4.9	
Total investment assets		14,485.4	100.0	12,588.5	100.0	
Less loans on real estate and						
alternative investments		251.1		247.9		
Total	\$	14,234.3	\$	12,340.6		

(Dollars in millions)

Investment expenses includes (a) investment management fees paid to external investment advisor firms that oversee the ERS' investment portfolio and (b) operational activities of certain real estate and alternative investments since these assets are reported on the consolidated method of accounting using the activity of the underlying investments since ERS is the majority owner of the business organization.

Total investment management fees earned by external investment advisors decreased approximately 9.5% during FY 2014 compared to FY 2013 with the reduction of incentive fees for certain real estate investment managers. The reduction in incentive fees during the year was offset by an increase in regular investment management fees attributable to an overall increase in asset values. The real estate investment managers may receive an incentive fee for superior investment returns by the manager above their corresponding benchmark, while maintaining an acceptable level of investment risk. Incentive fees are recognized on the accrual basis of accounting for the increase or decrease of the change in real estate values during the year, and are only paid upon the sale of the asset if the asset has "excess earnings" when the real estate asset is actually sold. Incentive fees earned during FY 2013 were

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significantly higher than normal when the real estate asset class returned 20.8%. The ERS requires external managers to provide the ERS with a "most favored nations" contract clause that guarantees the ERS with the lowest management fees the managers offer their clients for investment accounts with similar investment mandates and similar account size.

### Contributions

Contributions from employers and employees totaled \$859.2 million and \$767.3 million during FY 2014 and FY 2013, respectively. During FY 2014, total contributions increased by \$91.9 million, or 12.0%, with the continued implementation of legislation passed in 2011 and 2012 that raised employer contribution rates for all employee groups and increased contribution rates for new members. The increase in contributions is mainly due to an increase in employer contribution rates effective July 1, 2013, and to a lesser extent, an increase in covered payroll and an increase in the percentage of active members required to make during the year. The 2011 legislation further increases employer contribution rates again on July 1, 2014 and 2015. As mentioned above, most member contributions are now classified as being "picked up" as employer contributions for financial statement reporting purposes.

### Pension Plan Benefits and Expenses

Pension benefit payments continue to be the primary expense of the ERS with payments totaling \$1,122.4 million during FY 2014 and \$1,060.6 million during FY 2013. The Pension benefits increase can be attributed to an additional number of new retirees, higher pension benefits for recent retirees, and the annual postretirement increase for ERS' retirees.

Refunds to terminating Hybrid and Contributory members increased slightly during the year.

The \$0.7 million increase in administrative expenses in FY 2014 is from an increase in payroll-related costs (salaries and fringe benefits), annual computer maintenance fees, legal services, and other professional services related to the calculation of benefit payments, which was partially offset by a decrease in auditing and accounting services.

#### **Pension Plan Changes**

There was no significant legislation passed in 2014 that affects pension plan provisions. Pension plan changes, including legislative and Board of Trustees' actions, are summarized in the notes to the financial statements.

# Actuarial Valuations and Measurement of Net Pension Liability

As discussed later in the Notes to Financial Statements, the adoption of GASB Statement No. 67 includes changes to the reporting requirements for defined-benefit pension plans and changes the terminology used to evaluate the effectiveness of its funding policy.

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The total pension liability for these ERS is based on an actuarial valuation performed as of June 30, 2014 and a measurement date of June 30, 2014. As of June 30, 2014, the ERS' total pension liability was \$22.2 billion, covered payroll totaled \$3.8 billion, and the ERS' fiduciary net position was \$14.2 billion resulting in a net pension liability of \$8.0 billion. As of June 30, 2013, the ERS' total pension liability was \$21.2 billion, covered payroll totaled \$3.7 billion, and the ERS' fiduciary net position was \$12.3 billion resulting in a net pension liability of \$8.9 billion. The ERS' fiduciary net position was \$12.3 billion resulting in a net pension liability of \$8.9 billion. The ERS' fiduciary net position was 209.4% and 240.1%, at June 30, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

### Future Events Affecting the ERS (effective after June 30, 2014)

Change in Strategic Asset Classes – Effective October 1, 2014, the ERS adopted a risk-based, functional framework for allocating capital within the total portfolio. This framework shifts the portfolio asset allocation from a return-based process to a risk-based process that makes use of strategic/functional classes that in-turn utilize underlying asset classes and strategies. Each of these classes is designed to achieve a certain goal (e.g., Real Return class) and/or be exposed to a specific set of macroeconomic risks that are common among the different strategy types and/or assets within the class (e.g., Broad Growth class). As a result of this structure, each strategic class is expected to be exposed to a set of major and minor macroeconomic risks. The new strategic class targets and ranges effective October 1, 2014 are:

	Strategic allocation
Broad Growth	76%
Principal Protection	12
Real Return	5
Real Estate	7

#### **Requests for Information**

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the Employees' Retirement System of the State of Hawaii's finances. For questions concerning any information in this report or for additional information, contact the Employees' Retirement System of the State of Hawaii, 201 Merchant Street, Suite 1400, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813.

Statement of Fiduciary Net Position

June 30, 2014

Assets:	
Cash and cash equivalents and short-term investments:	
Cash and cash equivalents	, ,
Short-term investments	374,947,434
	421,253,014
Receivables:	
Accounts receivable and others	7,784,674
Investment sales proceeds	77,668,068
Accrued investment income	42,264,207
Employer contributions	55,910,549
Member contributions	5,464,431
	189,091,929
Investments, at fair value:	
Equity securities	9,450,253,187
Fixed income securities	2,670,088,796
Real estate investments	1,192,580,701
Alternative investments	751,113,517
	14,064,036,201
Other:	
Invested securities lending collateral	1,233,104,953
Equipment, at cost, net of depreciation	10,104,068
	1,243,209,021
Total assets	15,917,590,165
Liabilities:	
Accounts and other payables	48,132,737
Payable for securities purchased	182,232,054
Securities lending collateral	1,233,104,953
Notes payable	251,105,118
Total liabilities	1,714,574,862
Commitments and contingencies	
Net position restricted for pensions	5 14,203,015,303

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position

Year ended June 30, 2014

Additions: Contributions:		
Employers contributions Employer contributions (picked-up member contributions) Members contributions	\$	653,127,697 204,821,010 1,306,327
Total contributions		859,255,034
Investment income: From investing activities: Net appreciation in fair value of investments Interest on fixed income securities Dividends on equity securities Income on real estate investments Interest on short-term investments Alternative investment income Miscellaneous		$1,801,813,303 \\127,882,319 \\148,740,435 \\115,563,334 \\101,025 \\69,900,564 \\785,772$
		2,264,786,752
Less investment expenses	,	93,325,027
Net investment income from investing activities	,	2,171,461,725
From securities lending activities: Securities lending income Less securities lending expenses, net		3,439,425 (578,811)
Net investment income from securities lending activities		4,018,236
Total net investment income		2,175,479,961
Total additions		3,034,734,995
Deductions: Benefit payments Refunds of member contributions Administrative expenses	-	1,122,445,642 8,475,969 12,626,030
Total deductions		1,143,547,641
Net increase in fiduciary net position		1,891,187,354
Net position restricted for pensions: Beginning of year	ф.	12,311,827,949
End of year	\$	14,203,015,303

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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#### Note A – Description of the ERS

#### 1. General

The Employees' Retirement System of the State of Hawaii (the ERS) began operations on January 1, 1926, having been established by the Territorial Legislature in the preceding year. The provisions of the ERS are contained in Chapter 88 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) and applicable provisions of the federal Internal Revenue Code. The ERS is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan established to administer a pension benefits program for all State and county employees, including teachers, police officers, firefighters, correction officers, judges, and elected officials.

The ERS is a qualified defined-benefit pension plan under Section 401(a) of the Internal Revenue Code. The ERS' current favorable determination letter as a qualified plan received from the Internal Revenue Service expires on January 31, 2019. Since January 1, 1988, member contributions have been tax deferred under Section 414(h)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, and Chapter 88 mandates that employers pick up the employee contributions which means that they are treated as "employer contributions" based on the new GASB Statement No. 67 reporting requirements effective this fiscal year. As a public entity, the ERS is not required to file a federal income tax return with the Internal Revenue Service. As a defined-benefit pension plan, the ERS is required to withhold federal income tax from member and benefit recipient payments in accordance with the Internal Revenue Code.

The ERS Pension Trust comprises three pension classes for membership purposes and considered to be a single plan for accounting purposes since all assets of the ERS may legally be used to pay the benefits of any of the ERS members or beneficiaries, as defined by the terms of the ERS. The ERS provides retirement, survivor, and disability benefits with three membership classes known as contributory, hybrid, and noncontributory.

Generally, all full-time employees of State and counties of Hawaii are required to be members of the ERS. Some positions of the State and counties of Hawaii are not eligible for ERS membership and may be covered by another separate retirement program. Membership of the plan and the benefits provided are based on the individual's employment group and ERS membership date. A member may belong to only one class based on their latest employment. A member may change classes in certain situations due to a change in their employment date or job classification. If a member earns service in different benefit structures, the member's retirement benefit is bifurcated based on the applicable membership service earned (such as service credits and benefit multiplier percentage of such service).

The two major employment groups applicable to employer and member contribution rates, vesting requirements, and benefit provisions are (a) Police and Firefighters and (b) All Other Employees. There are four major benefit structures for contributory members based on employment group and membership date while there are two benefit structures for hybrid members based on their membership date as discussed below. Noncontributory members have one benefit structure.

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Employer, pensioner, and employee membership data as of March 31, 2014 are as follows:

Employers:	
State	1
County	4
Total employers	5
Pensioners and beneficiaries currently receiving benefits: Pensioners currently receiving benefits: Police and firefighters All others employees	3,384 36,296
Total pensioners	39,680
Beneficiaries currently receiving benefits: Police and firefighters All others employees	248 3,159
Total beneficiaries	3,407
Total pensioners and beneficiaries	43,087
Terminated vested members entitled to benefits but not yet receiving benefits:	
Police and firefighters All others employees	245 7,860
Total terminated vested members	8,105
Inactive members: Police and firefighters All other employees	612 10,635
Total inactive members	11,247
Total terminated vested and inactive members	19,352
Active members: Vested:	
Police and firefighters All other employees	4,156 45,255
Total vested members	49,411
Nonvested: Police and firefighters All other employees	850 16,945
Total nonvested members	17,795
Total active members	67,206
Total membership	129,645

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# 2. The Financial Reporting Entity

As required by U.S. generally accepted accounting principles, these financial statements present the ERS (the primary government) as a separate reporting entity from the State of Hawaii (the State). The ERS is not part of the State's financial reporting entity because it is a separate legal entity that is fiscally independent of the State. The ERS was established by Chapter 88 of the HRS and is governed by a Board of Trustees (the Board) as discussed below.

The Board administers the ERS on behalf of public employees of both the State and county governments. Except for limited administrative functions, the State does not have the power to supervise or control the Board in the exercise of its functions, duties, and powers. The Board consists of eight members. The State Director of Finance is a statutory member of the Board. Four members of the Board are elected by members of the ERS and the other three members of the Board are appointed by the Governor. Decisions are made with the concurring vote of five members of the Board. The Board appoints the Executive Director and Chief Investment Officer and engages actuarial and other services required to transact the business of the ERS.

### 3. Class Descriptions and Funding Policy

Members of the ERS are contributory, hybrid, or noncontributory members. All assets of the ERS (in the Pension Trust) may be used to pay benefits to any member of the ERS. Contribution rates are determined by state law as a percentage of payroll.

The statutory employer contribution rate includes the normal cost and accrued liability contribution and is determined separately for two groups of employees: (a) police officers and firefighters and (b) all other employees. Employer contribution rates are subject to adjustment in certain situations based on the plan's funded status or actuarial investigations. The ERS performs an actuarial investigation of the experience at least once every five years, plus an annual actuarial valuation of the assets and liabilities of the funds of the pension trust. The Board of Trustees adopts mortality, service, and other assumptions, factors, and tables as deemed appropriate and necessary, based on the actuarial investigation and actuary recommendation. Generally, actuarial assumptions and methods were adopted by Board of Trustees on December 20, 2010 as recommended by Gabriel, Roeder, Smith and Company (GRS) (from the 2010 Experience Study for the five-year period from June 30, 2005 through June 30, 2010) while the investment return assumption was adopted beginning with the 2012 valuation.

Effective July 1, 2008, the statutory employer contribution rate for employees in the Police and Fire category increased from 15.75% to 19.70%, and the rate for employees in the All Other category increased from 13.75% to 15.00%. Per legislation passed in 2011, the rate for Police and Fire employees increased to 22.00% on July 1, 2012; 23.00% on July 1, 2013; 24.00% on July 1, 2014; and 25.00% on July 1, 2015 and the rate for All Other Employees increased to 15.50% effective July 1, 2012, 16.00% effective July 1 2013, 16.50% effective July 1, 2014 and 17.00% effective July 1, 2015. These employer contribution rates are applied to the total covered payroll in each respective category to determine the required employer contributions. Administration of the Pension Trust is financed through contributions from the employers and employees (if applicable) and investment earnings.

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Effective July 1, 2012, employers may be required to make additional employer contributions to the ERS in certain situations. This legislation requires employers to pay additional contributions if a retiring employee, who was first employed prior to July 1, 2012 and who was last employed by the employer, has significant nonbase pay increases included in their average final compensation. The additional contribution is equal to the actuarial present value of the additional benefits earned due to the "excessive" nonbase pay increases.

Until June 30, 1984, all employees were required to be contributory members. Employees covered by Social Security on June 30, 1984 were given the option of becoming noncontributory members or remain contributory members. All new employees hired after June 30, 1984 and before July 1, 2006, who are covered by Social Security, were generally required to be noncontributory members. Qualified contributory and noncontributory members were given the option of becoming Hybrid members effective July 1, 2006, or remain in their existing class. Starting July 1, 2006, all new employees covered by Social Security are required to be Hybrid members, unless they are required to be Contributory members. Most employees not covered by Social Security (primarily Police and Fire employees) are required to be Contributory members.

The three membership classes provide a monthly retirement allowance (maximum allowance) equal to the benefit multiplier % (generally 1.25% or 2%) multiplied by the average final compensation (AFC), multiplied by years of credited service. The benefit multiplier decreased by 0.25% for new hybrid and contributory members hired after June 30, 2012. If a member earns service in different benefit structures, the member's retirement benefit is bifurcated based on the applicable membership service earned (such as service credits and benefit multiplier percentage of such service). In lieu of the maximum allowance, the member may elect to receive an actuarially equivalent alternate retirement option with a reduced lifetime allowance (such as survivor benefit).

The AFC is the average salary earned during the five highest paid years of service, including the payment of salary in lieu of vacation, or three highest paid years of service, excluding the payment of salary in lieu of vacation, if the employee became a member prior to January 1, 1971. The AFC for members hired on or after this date, and before July 1, 2012, is based on the three highest paid years of service excluding the payment of salary in lieu of vacation. For new members hired after June 30, 2012, the AFC is based on the five highest paid years of service excluding the payment of salary in lieu of vacation.

For postretirement increases, every retiree's original retirement allowance is increased by  $2\frac{1}{2}\%$  on each July 1 following the calendar year of retirement, if the retiree became an ERS member prior to July 1, 2012. This cumulative benefit is not compounded and increases each year by  $2\frac{1}{2}\%$  of the original retirement allowance without a ceiling ( $2\frac{1}{2}\%$  of the original retirement allowance the first year, 5% the second year,  $7\frac{1}{2}\%$  the third year, etc.). For new members hired after June 30, 2012, the postretirement annuity increase was decreased to 1.5% per year of the original retirement allowance without a ceiling ( $1\frac{1}{2}\%$  of the original retirement allowance the first year, 3% the second year,  $4\frac{1}{2}\%$  the third year, etc.).

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The following summarizes the provisions relevant to the largest employee groups of the respective membership class. Retirement benefits for certain groups, such as sewer workers, judges, and elected officials, vary from general employees.

All contributions, benefits, and eligibility requirements are governed by Chapter 88 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes. Most of the statutory member contributions discussed in this section are now classified as "employer contributions" due to the "pick-up" provisions of IRC Section 414(h)(2) and the recently adopted GASB Statement No. 67.

# Contributory

Police officers, firefighters, and certain other members that are not covered by Social Security first hired prior to July 1, 2012 contribute 12.2% of their salary and receive a retirement benefit using the benefit multiplier of 2.5% for qualified service, up to a maximum of 80% of AFC. These members may retire at age 55 with 5 years of credited service or at any age with 25 years of credited service is any of the qualified occupations.

Police officers, firefighters and certain other members that are not covered by Social Security first hired after June 30, 2012 contribute 14.20% of their salary and receive a retirement benefit using the benefit multiplier of 2.25% for qualified service, up to a maximum of 80% of AFC. These members may retire at age 60 with 10 years of credited service or at age 55 with 25 years of credited service, provided the last 5 years of credited service is any of the qualified occupations.

All other employees hired prior to July 1, 2012 are required to contribute 7.8% of their salary and are fully vested for benefits upon receiving 5 years of credited service. Contributory members may retire with full benefits at age 55 and 5 years of credited service. They may take early retirement at any age with at least 25 years of credited service and receive benefits reduced 5% per year under age 55 plus 4% per year under age 50. The benefit multiplier is 2% for employees covered by Social Security.

All other employees hired after June 30, 2012 are required to contribute 9.8% of their salary and are fully vested for benefits upon receiving 10 years of credited service. These members may retire with full benefits at age 60 and 10 years of credited service. Members may take early retirement at age 55 with 25 years of credited service and receive benefits reduced by 5% per year under age 60. The benefit multiplier is 1.75% for employees covered by Social Security.

# Hybrid

All other employees hired before July 1, 2012 are required to contribute 6% of their salary and are fully vested for benefits upon receiving 5 years of credited service. Employees may retire with full benefits at age 62 and 5 years of credited service or at age 55 and 30 years of credited service. Early retirement benefits are available at age 55 and 20 years of credited service with benefits reduced by 5% per year under age 62. The benefit multiplier used to calculate retirement benefits is 2%. Members in the hybrid plan are covered by Social Security.

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All other employees hired after June 30, 2012 are required to contribute 8% of their salary and are fully vested for benefits upon receiving 10 years of credited service. Employees may retire with full benefits at age 65 and 10 years of credited service or at age 60 and 30 years of credited service. Early retirement is available at age 55 and 20 years of credited service with benefits reduced 5% per year under age 65. The benefit multiplier used to calculate retirement benefits is 1.75%. Members in the hybrid plan are covered by Social Security.

### Noncontributory

All other employees are fully vested upon receiving 10 years of credited service. The employer is required to make all contributions for these members. Employees may retire with full benefits at age 62 years and 10 years of credited service or age 55 and 30 years of credited services. Early retirement is available at age 55 years and 20 years of credited service with benefits reduced by 6% per year under age 62. The benefit multiplier used to calculate retirement benefits is 1.25%.

Ordinary disability retirement benefits require a minimum of 10 years of service, whereas service-connected disability resulting from a job-related accident does not have any service requirement. Under all three plans, there is no age requirement.

Ordinary death benefits for contributory and noncontributory members require at least one year and ten years of service, respectively. Ordinary death benefits for hybrid members require five years of service if hired prior to July 1, 2012 or ten years of service if hired after June 30, 2012. Under all three membership classes, there is no service requirement for service-connected death benefits.

# 4. The ERS as Employer

As an employer, the ERS participates in its pension benefits program, through the State. The ERS provides benefits for all of its full-time employees through the contributory, hybrid, or noncontributory membership classes. Contributions are calculated as part of the State's total contribution requirements and are reimbursed to the State's General Fund as part of the fringe-benefit rate on the ERS' employees' actual salaries.

# 5. Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB)

In addition to the retirement benefits provided by the ERS Pension Trust, the participating employers, pursuant to HRS Chapter 87A, provide certain healthcare and life insurance benefits for State and county employees and retirees. The Hawaii Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund (EUTF) was established on July 1, 2003 to design, provide, and administer health benefits plans and a group life insurance benefits program for State and county employees and retirees.

Under HRS § 87 A-33, the participating employers pay the EUTF a base monthly contribution for the health benefits plans of certain retired employees, including those who were hired before July 1, 1996 and retired after June 30, 1984, with ten or more years of credited service.

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Under HRS § 87 A-34, the participating employers pay the EUTF one-half of the base monthly contribution for the health benefits plans of retired employees who were hired before June 30, 1996, and retired after June 30, 1984, with fewer than ten years of credited service.

Under HRS § 87 A-35 and HRS § 87 A-33(a)(6), the participating employers pay the EUTF for the health benefits plans of retired employees who were hired after June 30, 1996 but before July 1, 2001: (a) one-half of the base monthly contribution if the employee retired with between ten and fifteen years of credited service; (b) seventy-five percent of the base monthly contribution if the employee retired service; and (c) one hundred percent of the base monthly contribution if the employee retired with twenty-five or more years of credited service.

Under HRS § 87 A-36, the participating employers pay the EUTF for the health benefits plans of retired employees who were hired after June 30, 2001: (a) one-half of the base monthly contribution for a self-only plan if the employee retired with between ten and fifteen years of credited service; (b) seventy-five percent of the base monthly contribution for a self-only plan if the employee retired with between fifteen and twenty-five years of credited service; and (c) one hundred percent of the base monthly contribution for a self-only plan if the employee retired with between fifteen and twenty-five years of credited service; and (c) one hundred percent of the base monthly contribution for a self-only plan if the employee retired with twenty-five or more years of credited service.

Under HRS § 87 A-37, the participating employers pay the EUTF a base monthly contribution (currently \$4.16) for each retired employee enrolled in the EUTF group life insurance plan.

The net assets of the EUTF are not included in the ERS plan net assets. The EUTF issues a financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information.

#### Note B – Social Security Contribution Fund

The Social Security Contribution Fund (Contribution Fund) was established under Section 88-224 of the HRS for the following purposes:

- 1. To receive all federal Social Security employers' contributions from the State and interest and penalties on unpaid amounts
- 2. To receive any appropriations to the Contribution Fund
- 3. To pay amounts required to be paid to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS)
- 4. To invest and collect income on resources held by the Contribution Fund

All other nonstate governmental agencies remit Social Security contributions directly to the IRS. Social Security contributions withheld from employees are remitted directly to the IRS by the employers. The Contribution Fund is considered an agency fund for financial reporting purpose. At June 30, 2014, the ERS held no amounts in the Contribution Fund as all amounts deposited into the Contribution Fund were paid directly to the IRS.

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#### Note C - Summary of Accounting Policies

A summary of the significant accounting policies consistently applied in the preparation of the accompanying financial statements is as follows:

#### 1. Basis of Accounting

Fiduciary funds are used to account for assets held by the ERS in a trustee capacity or as an agent for individuals, private organizations, other governments, and/or other funds. The fiduciary fund types used by the ERS are a Pension Trust Fund and the Social Security Fund as an agency fund. Each of the fiduciary funds is considered a separate fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, equity, revenue and expenditures, or expenses, as appropriate. The accounting and reporting treatment applied to a fund is determined by its measurement focus. The Pension Trust Fund is accounted for on a flow of economic resources measurement focus. As an agency fund, the Contribution Fund is custodial in nature and does not measure results of operations.

The financial statements are prepared in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) using the accrual basis of accounting. Employer and member contributions are recognized in the period in which the contributions are legally due. As discussed above, most member contributions are now classified as being "picked-up" as employer contributions for financial statement reporting purposes. Benefits and refunds are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the terms of the plan. Investment purchases and sales are recorded as of their trade date. Administrative expenses are financed exclusively with investment income.

The ERS implemented the provisions of GASB Statement No. 67 during the year ended June 30, 2014. GASB Statement No. 67 replaces the requirements of GASB Statement No. 25, *Financial Reporting for Defined Benefit Pension Plans and Note Disclosures for Defined Contribution Plans*, and GASB Statement No. 50, *Pension Disclosures – an amendment of GASB Statements No. 25 and No. 27*, as they relate to pension plans that are administered through trusts or equivalent arrangements that meet certain criteria. GASB Statement No. 67 enhances the standards for footnote disclosures and required supplementary information (RSI) for pension plans, including disclosing the plan's net pension liability (NPL), ratio of fiduciary net position (FNP) to total pension liability (TPL), actuarial methods, and assumptions.

#### 2. Method Used to Value Cash and Investments

The ERS' investment policy for cash and investments, including the legal authority, are discussed below in note F.

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Cash and investments are reported at fair value. Unrealized gains and losses are included as investment income in the statement of changes in fiduciary net position. The investments of the Pension Trust Fund and Contribution Fund (the Retirement Funds) are valued on a monthly basis using the following sources:

Publicly Traded Securities (Corporate stock, exchange-traded investment derivatives, and fixed income): Fair values are based on published market prices, quotations from national security exchanges, and security pricing services as of each month-end closing of the New York Stock Exchange.

Fixed Income Securities (including investment derivatives not publicly traded): Fair values are based on equivalent values of comparable securities with a similar yield and risk.

Pooled Equity, Fixed Income, and Short-Term Investment Funds (not publicly traded): Fair value are based on the ERS' pro rata ownership percentage of the fund reported by the fund manager based on the fair value of the underlying assets that is determined by published market prices, or quotations from national security exchanges.

Limited Partnerships: The fair value of investments that are organized as limited partnerships and have no readily ascertainable fair value (such as private equity, real estate, and tangible assets) are valued based on their respective net asset value (NAV), and are generally audited annually. The most significant element of NAV is the fair value of the investment holdings. These holdings are valued by the general partners using valuation assumptions based on both market and property specific inputs, which are not observable and involve a certain degree of expert judgment. Because of the inherent uncertainties in estimating fair values, it is at least reasonably possible that the estimates will change in the near term.

Private Equity Limited Partnerships: The fair value of individual capital account balances is based on the valuations reported by private equity partnerships using the following methodologies to value the underlying portfolio companies:

Valuations of publicly traded portfolio companies are based on active exchanges using quoted market prices as of the close of trading for each month-end.

When a portfolio company investment does not have a readily available market price, but has a return that is determined by reference to an asset for which a market price is readily available, valuations are based on the closing market price of the reference asset on the valuation date, adjusted for factors that affect the fair value of the investment held.

When the portfolio company investments are private holdings and are not traded on active security exchanges, valuation methodologies used consist primarily of income and market approaches. The income approach involves a discounted cash flow analysis based on portfolio companies' projections. The market approach involves valuing a company at a multiple of a specified financial measure (generally EBITDA) based on multiples at which comparable company's trade.

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Real Estate and Alternative Investments Limited Partnerships and Limited Liability Companies: The ERS has a controlling interest in certain real estate and alternative investment partnerships and limited liability companies. These investment companies provide quarterly valuations based on the most recent capital account balance to ERS management. Individual properties are valued internally by the investment companies at least annually, in accordance with standard industry practice, and are adjusted as frequently as quarterly if material market or operational changes have occurred. Properties are generally valued every one to three years by external third-party appraiser(s), depending upon the investment company. Alternative investments are valued using their respective NAV, and are generally audited annually. The most significant element of NAV is the fair value of the investment holdings. These holdings are valued by the general partners in conjunction with management, investment advisors, and valuation specialists. The valuation techniques vary based on investment type and involve a certain degree of expert judgment. The fair value for these investments could differ significantly if a readily market value for these assets existed. Annual audits of most partnerships and limited liability companies include a review of compliance with the investment company's valuation policies.

Notes Payable: Notes payable are shown at estimated fair values. Notes payable consist of mortgage notes within the limited liability companies and limited partnerships that are secured by real estate of the respective company.

#### 3. Revenue Recognition

Interest and dividend income is recognized when earned. Capital gains and losses are recognized on a trade-date basis. Purchases and sales of investments are also recorded on a trade-date basis.

Contributions are recorded when legally due.

### 4. Payment of Benefits

Withdrawals are recorded when paid.

#### 5. Securities Lending

The ERS records collateral received under securities lending agreements where the ERS has the ability to spend, pledge, or sell the collateral without borrower default. Liabilities resulting from these transactions are also recorded. Additionally, costs associated with securities transactions, broker commissions paid, and lending agent management fees are reported as investment expenses in the accompanying financial statements. The statement of fiduciary net position does not include detailed holdings of securities lending collateral by investment classification.

### 6. Interest and Earnings Allocation

Pursuant to Sections 88-21 and 88-107 of the HRS, the Board shall annually allocate interest and other earnings of the Pension Trust Fund to the reserves of the Pension Trust Fund, as follows:

a. Annuity Savings Reserve – Fixed at 4½% regular interest rate for employees hired before July 1, 2011 and 2% regular interest rate for employees hired after June 30, 2011

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- b. Expense Reserve To be credited with all money to pay the administrative expenses of the ERS
- c. Pension Accumulation Reserve To be credited with any remaining investment earnings

### 7. Risk Management

The ERS reports liabilities, as discussed in note H, related to certain types of losses (including torts, theft of, damage to, or destruction of assets, errors or omissions, natural disasters, and injuries to employees) when it is probable that the losses have occurred and the amount of those losses can be reasonably estimated.

### 8. Use of Estimates

In preparing financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States, management is required to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Investments in limited partnerships and other alternative investments tend to be illiquid and the underlying assets are generally not publicly traded companies. Because of the inherent uncertainty in valuing privately held securities, the fair value may differ from the values that would have been used had a ready market for such securities existed, and the difference can be material. Accordingly, the realized value received upon the sale of the asset may differ from the recorded fair value.

The total pension liability is based on calculations that incorporate various actuarial and other assumptions, including discount rate, mortality, investment rate of return, inflation and payroll growth. The actuarial assumptions were based on the results of an experience study for the period from July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2010.

#### 9. Recently Issued Accounting Standards

In February 2015, the GASB issued Statement No. 72, *Fair Value Measurement and Application*. GASB Statement No. 67 addresses accounting and financial reporting issues related to fair value measurements. The definition of fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. This Statement provides guidance for determining a fair value measurement for financial reporting purposes and will enhance comparability of financial statements among governments by requiring measurement of certain assets and liabilities at fair value using a consistent and more detailed definition of fair value and accepted valuation techniques. Implementation requires disclosures to be made about fair value measurements, the level of fair value hierarchy, and valuation techniques. GASB Statement No. 72 will be effective for periods beginning after June 30, 2015. ERS has not yet determined the impact of this standard on its financial statements and disclosures.

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#### **Note D – Description of Reserves**

Section 88-109 of the HRS requires the establishment and maintenance of specific reserves within the ERS. The reserves in the Pension Trust Fund and their purposes are described hereunder:

#### 1. Pension Accumulation Reserve

To accumulate contributions made by the State and counties, (except member contributions "picked up" as employer contributions under pursuant to IRC Section 414(h)(2)) transfers of retired members' contributions plus related interest income from the Annuity Savings Reserve, and income from investments. All pension benefits, including the pensioners' bonus, are paid through this reserve.

#### 2. Annuity Savings Reserve

To accumulate members' contributions (including member contributions "picked up" as employer contributions under pursuant to IRC Section 414(h)(2)) and related interest income. Upon a member's retirement, the accumulated contributions and related interest income are transferred to the Pension Accumulation Reserve or refunded to the member upon termination.

#### 3. Expense Reserve

To pay all the expenses necessary in connection with the administration and operation of the ERS, the Board estimates the amount of money necessary to be paid into the expense reserve for the ensuing biennium to provide for the expense of operation of the ERS, and pays that amount into the expense account from the investment earnings of the ERS, subject to review by the legislature and approval by the Governor.

Net position restricted for pensions as of June 30, 2014 are as follows:

Pension Accumulation Reserve	\$ 12,083,141,971
Annuity Savings Reserve	2,107,182,628
Expense Reserve	12,690,704
Total net position restricted for pensions	\$ <u>14,203,015,303</u>

### **Note E – Contributions**

The ERS' funding policy provides for periodic employer contributions expressed as a percentage of annual covered payroll. The funding method used to calculate the total employer contribution required is the entry age normal actuarial cost method. Employer contributions are governed by Chapter 88 of the HRS. The actuarially determined contribution rates may differ from the statutory contribution rates.

Employer rates are set by statute based on the recommendation of the ERS actuary resulting from an experience study conducted every five years. Since July 1, 2005, employer contribution rates are a fixed percentage of compensation, including the normal cost plus amounts required to pay for the unfunded

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actuarial accrued liability. From July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2008, the required contribution rates for employers were 15.75% for their police officers and firefighters, and 13.75% for all other employees. From July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2012, employers contributed 19.70% for their police officers and firefighters, and 15.00% for all other employees. Effective July 1, 2012, the employer rate increased to 22.00% for their police officers and firefighters, and 15.50% for all other employees. Effective July 1, 2013, the employer rate increased to 23.00% for their police officers and firefighters, and 16.00% for all other employees.

The employer normal cost is the level percentage of payroll contribution required to pay all benefits. Actuarial gains and losses resulting from differences between actual and assumed experience are reflected in the employer unfunded accrued liability.

Effective July 1, 2012, the last employer is required to make "additional contributions" to the ERS for employees that first became ERS members before July 1, 2012 and retire after June 30, 2012, if the member has "excessive" nonbase pay during the last 10 years of employment. The additional contributions are based on the increased costs of the actuarial equivalent increase in pension benefits the member will be paid in retirement compared to the pension benefits that would be paid if the member did not have excess nonbase pay in their Average Final Compensation amount.

Member contributions rates are statutorily established in accordance with Chapter 88 of the HRS, and are discussed in note A(3). Plan Descriptions and Funding Policy above. Since 1989, participating employers "pick up" ERS member contributions made by payroll deduction as "employer contributions" for tax purposes under IRC section 414(h)(2). Beginning in FY 2014 with the implementation of GASB Statement No. 67, these member contributions that the employer "picks up" are being classified as employer contributions in the ERS financial statements. However, for the ERS actuarial valuation purposes member contributions are being calculated as being paid by the member.

### Note F – Deposits and Investments Disclosures

#### 1. Investment Policy

Investments are governed pursuant to Sections 88-119 and 88-119.5 of the HRS. The Pension Trust Fund may invest in real estate loans and mortgages; preferred and common stocks; government obligations; corporate obligations; certain other debt obligations (such as obligations secured by collateral of certain other authorized securities listed here, obligations); real property; alternative investments; and other securities and futures contracts. Investments in the Securities Lending Collateral Pool and the Contribution Fund are limited to investment grade, short-term marketable securities.

The investment decision is further dictated by internal investment policies and asset allocation established by the Board. As a long-term investor, the ERS has established through its investment policy that preservation of capital is the primary goal of the ERS. Preservation of capital is to be attained with a consistent, positive return for the fund by diversifying the investment portfolio. The ERS recognizes risk associated for individual securities or asset classes may be reduced through diversification. Investments will be prudent and consistent with the best investment

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practices, in accordance with the Board's asset allocation strategy, assigned investment mandate, and in compliance with Chapter 88, HRS, as amended.

Use of leverage is restricted to certain asset classes in order to enhance yields of approved investments and/or to facilitate diversification of the portfolio. The use of debt must result in positive leverage where cash flow is in excess of debt service.

In 2010, the Board adopted an Evolving Investment Policy Asset Allocation to allow for a smooth transition to the new long-term policy asset allocation targets that became effective on July 1, 2013, and remained in place at June 30, 2014. Plan assets are managed on a total return with the long-term objective of achieving and maintaining a fully funded status basis (when combined with receiving the required employer and member contribution requirements) for the benefits provided through the Pension Trust. As part of the investment policy, the Board reviews the asset allocation annually and should perform a formal asset allocation study at least every three years to verify or amend the targets.

Asset class	Strategic allocation	Strategic Range	Long-term expected arithmetic rate of return
Domestic equity	30%	23%-37%	8.50%
International equity	26%	21%-33%	9.00%
Total fixed income	20%	15%-25%	3.10%
Real estate	7%*	5%-9%	8.46%
Private equity	7%*	4%-9%	11.75%
Real return	5%*	0%-10%	6.10%
Covered calls	5%	0%-10%	7.65%
	100%		

As of June 30, 2014, the ERS will strategically invest in the following asset classes:

\*The real estate, private equity, and real return targets will be the percentage actually invested up to 7%, 7%, and 5%, respectively of the total fund. Changes in the real estate, private equity, and real return targets will be offset by an equal percentage change in the large cap domestic equity target.

Effective July 1, 2013 as part of the Evolving Investment Policy Asset Allocation, the target allocation was reduced to total fixed income and increased the allocation to Private Equity. The previous strategic allocation was 21% to total fixed income and 6% to Private Equity.

#### Rate of Return

For the year ended June 30, 2014, the annual money-weighted return on pension plan investments, net of pension plan investment expense, was 17.9%. The money-weighted rate of return expresses investment performance, net of investment expense, adjusted for changing amounts actually invested.

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#### 2. Deposits

Cash includes amounts in demand deposits for operations and invested funds held by ERS investment managers. The deposits are held in several financial institutions, including the custodian bank for processing investment transactions. Per State statute, deposits, held by banks located in the State, in excess of Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) coverage are guaranteed by securities pledged as collateral by the bank with the State Director of Finance. Uninsured and uncollateralized amounts are primarily cash held by the investment custodian for settlement of investment transactions. Deposits are presented in the basic financial statements at cost, which represent market or fair value.

Custodial Credit Risk for Deposits is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the ERS' deposits may not be returned to them. The ERS has not adopted a formal policy specific to custodial credit risk. The ERS' policy is to deposit cash in excess of operating requirements in income producing investments to maximize investment income.

At June 30, 2014, the carrying amount of deposits totaled approximately \$46,305,580 and the corresponding bank balance was \$49,220,483, all of which was exposed to custodial credit risk.

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#### 3. Investments

The following table shows the investments of the ERS by investment type as of June 30, 2014. Please refer to note C-2 above for a discussion of fair value on investments.

Cash and short-term investments:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	46,305,580
Short-term bills and notes		37,699,121
Pooled and others		341,155,480
Fixed income securities:		
U.S. Treasury bonds and notes		432,433,381
U.S. government agencies bonds		38,952,368
U.S. government agency mortgage backed		18,041,648
U.S. government-sponsored agency mortgage backed		176,427,833
Commercial mortgage-backed securities		112,179,162
U.S. municipal bonds		41,374,270
U.S. corporate bonds		613,766,885
Non-U.S. government/agency bonds		603,043,601
Non-U.S. corporate bonds		512,601,313
Pooled and others		12,109,551
Derivatives:		
Forwards – cash and short-term investments		(3,894,953)
Option – cash and short-term instruments		(12,214)
Options – equities		(11,127,304)
Futures – debt Securities		105,771,063
Swaps		3,387,721
Equities		9,461,380,491
Real estate		1,192,580,701
Alternative investments	_	751,113,517
Total investments	\$	14,485,289,215
Short-term instruments for securities lending collateral pool	\$	1,233,104,953

#### 4. Credit Risk

Credit risk is defined as the risk that an issuer or other counterparty to an investment will not fulfill its obligations. Information regarding ERS' credit risk on derivative investments is discussed below in derivative disclosures note F(10) while policies related to credit risk for securities lending program are discussed in note F(9) below.

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The ERS utilizes two fixed income mandates: (i) a "Diversified Manager" whose benchmark is 85% Lehman Universal/15% Lehman Multiverse ex-USD Hedged Index and (ii) an "International Mandate" whose benchmark is Lehman Multiverse ex-USD Hedged Index. The ERS expects its debt securities investment managers to maintain diversified portfolios within the mandate assigned by the Board using the following guidelines as to permissible credit quality ranges, exposure levels within individual quality tiers, and average credit quality:

- Securities with a quality rating of below Baa (based on Moody's rating scale) or equivalent are considered below investment grade.
- Invest in money market instruments; commercial paper (rated A1/P1); certificates of deposits and bankers acceptance; U.S. Treasury bonds, notes, and bills; U.S. government and agency securities; municipal bonds; 144A private placements; bank loans; nonleveraged structured notes; convertible bonds; mortgages, collateralized mortgage obligations (CMO) and asset-backed securities (backed by pools of mortgages guaranteed by the U.S. government or its agencies or corporate issues rated at least Aaa); investment grade corporate debt issues, emerging markets debt, preferred stock, and common stock; sovereign debt instruments (issued by agencies of, or guaranteed by foreign governments); and certain foreign securities (corporate debt issues, asset-backed securities, CMOs, 144A private placements, convertibles, and supranational issues). The minimum issuance size is \$150 million.
- Summary of concentration limits for debt securities are:
  - Specific issue or issuer of 5% (excludes supranationals, U.S. Treasuries, U.S. agencies, and sovereign debt and equivalently rated agencies of Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) governments).
  - All fixed income manager portfolios are limited to (i) 15% in below investment grade securities with no more than 2% below a B rating; (ii) 10% in private placements; (iii) 5% in convertible securities; (iv) 10% in preferred stocks and common stocks (common stock holdings not to exceed 180 days); and (v) 10% in non-U.S. agency CMOs.
  - Diversified managers are limited to (i) 10% in emerging markets (local currency and debt); (ii) 30% of non-U.S. dollar denominated securities (excludes money market securities and money market futures); (iii) a 15% net foreign currency exposure (as measured by net amount of currency's outstanding long and short positions versus the U.S. dollar); and (iv) a 30% gross foreign currency exposure (as measured by absolute value of all country-level currency long- and short-currency positions versus the U.S. dollar).
  - International managers are limited to (i) 20% in emerging markets (local currency and debt); and (ii) 25% of U.S. dollar denominated securities (excludes money market securities and money market futures).

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A table of the ERS' fixed income securities as of June 30, 2014 is below. Securities below investment grade of Baa and nonrated issues (average rating by S&P, Moody's and/or Fitch) amounted to \$227,087,364 or 8.5% of total fixed income investments. All short-term investments, not held in a pooled investment, are rated A1/P1 or better.

Ratings	U.S. Govt Agency	U.S. Govt- sponsored agency mortgage backed	U.S. corporate bonds	U.S. municipal bonds	Commercial mortgage- backed securities	Non-U.S. corporate bonds	Non-U.S. govt/agencies bonds	Pooled & others	Total
AAA \$	38,135,112	176,427,833	22,090,155	11,925,118	32,107,593	76,191,075	144,980,886	_	501,857,772
AA1			11,736,201	3,924,164	6,509,226	55,169,101	148,415,439	_	225,754,131
AA2	_		3,363,774	3,145,529	2,754,721	7,289,225	15,201,444	_	31,754,693
AA3	817,256	_	23,793,461	15,889,916	3,507,757	76,919,581	25,928,587		146,856,558
A1		_	26,389,579	4,649,130	4,943,219	27,400,332			63,382,260
A2	_	_	49,272,490	1,614,905	6,586,455	51,954,658	46,436,594	_	155,865,102
A3	_	_	89,686,702	225,508	11,639,140	40,700,468	26,526,157	_	168,777,975
BAA1	_	_	84,081,598		6,141,292	32,226,844	23,555,235	_	146,004,969
BAA2	_	_	86,167,657	_	10,070,516	79,323,122	130,038,455	_	305,599,750
BAA3	_	_	68,780,997		4,591,481	23,297,833	40,844,098		137,514,409
BA1	_	_	13,739,144	_	2,835,452	19,320,222	· · · _	_	35,894,818
BA2	_		36,689,820	_	1,837,501	12,696,062	140,981	744,766	52,109,130
BA3	_	_	27,419,989		575,663	2,325,061	_		30,320,713
B1	_		24,923,807	_	455,263	1,793,181	_	_	27,172,251
B2	_	_	22,718,739		768,072	2,656,975	_	1,510,802	27,654,588
B3	_		12,694,950	_	5,268,552	· · · —	975,725		18,939,227
CAA1	_	_	762,300		1,980,801	_	_		2,743,101
CAA2	_	_	878,440	_	1,038,788	_	_	_	1,917,228
CAA3	_		1,399,963	_	6,404,128	_	_	_	7,804,091
CA	_	_	45,616	_	_	_	_	_	45,616
С	_	_	_	_	1,272,712	_	_	_	1,272,712
D	_	_	35,258	_	558,119	_	_	_	593,377
DEF	_	_	_	_	274,666	_	_	_	274,666
Not rates			7,096,245		58,045	3,337,573		9,853,983	20,345,846
\$	38,952,368	176,427,833	613,766,885	41,374,270	112,179,162	512,601,313	603,043,601	12,109,551	2,110,454,983
						U.S. treasury notes			432,433,381
							ency - Government Natio ation (GNMAs) mortgag		18,041,648
								s	2,560,930,012
						Derivatives			109,158,784
						т	otal fixed income securi	ties \$	2,670,088,796

#### 5. Custodial Credit Risk

Custodial credit risk for investments is the risk that, in the event of a failure of the counterparty, the ERS will not be able to recover the value of the investment or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. All securities, except certain pooled funds, are registered in the name of the ERS and are held in the possession of the ERS' custodial bank, The Bank of New York Mellon. Pooled funds not held by the custodial bank, such as certain equity investments, are registered in the name of the ERS. The ERS had \$46,884,115 in cash and securities exposed to custodial credit risk.

# 6. Concentrations of Credit Risk

The ERS' debt securities managers are expected to maintain diversified portfolios by sector, quality, and maturity as discussed above in Credit Risk.

Equity securities shall be diversified by industry and in number. An investment manager may not hold more than 5% of an individual company's stock if that company's securities represent less than 3% of the investment manager's respective benchmark. (If those securities constitute more

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than 3% of the respective benchmark, then the manager shall not hold more than the benchmark weight plus 2 percentage points.)

At June 30, 2014, there was no single issuer exposure within the ERS' portfolio that comprises over 5% of the overall portfolio, or an investment that exceeded the above manager guidelines, and therefore, there is no concentration of credit risk to report.

#### 7. Interest Rate Risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. The ERS has not adopted a formal policy that limits investment maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value changes arising from changing interest rates. External investment managers are given full discretion within their operational guidelines and are expected to maintain a diversified portfolio between and within sectors, quality, and maturity.

Duration is a measure of a debt investment's exposure to fair value changes arising from changes in interest rates. It uses the present value of cash flows, weighted for those cash flows as a percentage of the investment's full price. At June 30, 2014, the table below shows fixed income investment securities by investment type, amount, and the effective weighted duration for the ERS' total portfolio. Interest rate risk associated with swaps and other derivative instruments are discussed in the derivatives disclosure below:

		Fair value	Effective weighted duration (years)
Fixed income securities:	-		() () ()
U.S. Treasury bonds and notes	\$	432,433,381	8.7
U.S. government agencies bonds	Ŧ	38,952,368	2.2
U.S. government agency mortgage backed		18,041,648	2.5
U.S. government-sponsored agency		<i>, ,</i>	
mortgage backed		176,427,833	3.7
Commercial mortgage-backed securities		112,179,162	1.1
U.S. municipal bonds		41,374,270	10.2
U.S. corporate bonds		613,766,885	5.6
Non-U.S. government/agency bonds		603,043,601	7.7
Non-U.S. corporate bonds		512,601,313	5.2
Pooled and others	_	12,109,551	15.5
Total	\$	2,560,930,012	5.1

#### Effective duration of fixed income assets by security type (excluding derivatives)

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#### 8. Foreign Currency Risk

Foreign currency risk is the risk that changes in exchange rates will adversely impact the fair value of an investment. The foreign currency risk exposure to the ERS arises from the international fixed income and international equity investment holdings. Board policy limits the use of foreign currency as a defensive measure to protect the portfolio value of non-U.S. equity and non-U.S. fixed income investments. External investment managers authorized to invest in these securities are given full discretion regarding their respective portfolio's foreign currency exposures, including using currency forward contracts, as established by their investment mandate. Cross-hedging is only allowed in non-U.S. fixed income portfolios. Counterparties for foreign currency derivatives must be rated A or equivalent. Derivatives investments are discussed in more detail in note H.

The following table summarizes the ERS' exposure to foreign currency risk in U.S. dollars as of June 30, 2014: (Securities denominated in U.S. dollars are not presented.)

	_	Cash and short-term instruments	Debt securities	Derivatives	Equities	Alternative	Real estate	Grand total
Argentine peso	\$	3,481	_	_	_		_	3,481
Australian dollar		1,887	69,705,281	(243,954)	65,138,402	_	_	134,601,616
Brazilian real		231,414	· · · —	(40,137)	74,424,575	_	_	74,615,852
Bulgarian new lev		201,896	_	_		_	_	201,896
Canadian dollar		4,449,506	21,982,388	(533,791)	77,206,792	_	_	103,104,895
Chilean peso		103,210	_	_	7,777,699	_	_	7,880,909
Colombian peso		57,571	_	_	2,792,623	_	_	2,850,194
Czech koruna		· —	_	_	1,104,268	_	_	1,104,268
Danish krone		59,745	1,035,953	13,397	45,218,675	_	_	46,327,770
Egyptian pound		932,414	_	_	3,243,734	_	_	4,176,148
Euro		126,596	269,189,350	1,841,436	556,639,226	_	_	827,796,608
Hong Kong dollar		551,483	· · · —	· · · —	257,264,652	_	_	257,816,135
Hungarian forint		23,175	_	_	3,753,452	_	_	3,776,627
Indonesian rupiah		244,449	_	_	21,753,822	_	_	21,998,271
Israeli shekel		· —	_	27	4,465,585	_	_	4,465,612
Japanese yen		(92,679)	38,006,645	(1,560,064)	223,386,311	_	_	259,740,213
Malaysian ringgit		128,211	· · · —		13,817,327	_	_	13,945,538
Mexican peso		35,903,309	19,223,236	120,760	26,387,951	_	_	81,635,256
New Taiwan dollar		2,509	· · · —	· _	117,215,544	_	_	117,218,053
New tTurkish lira		_	_	_	16,205,640	_	_	16,205,640
New Zealand dollar		333,305	88,462,349	(1,610,454)		_	_	87,185,200
Norwegian krone		71	26,123,940	23,030	_	_	_	26,147,041
Philippine peso		36,374	1,944,874	_	6,203,070	_	_	8,184,318
Polish zloty		14,231	46,436,594	1,956	20,298,345	_	_	66,751,126
Pound sterling		1,618,384	188,878,718	(1,504,364)	315,081,123	_	_	504,073,861
Qatari riyal		· · · —	· · · —		968,590	_	_	968,590
Russian ruble (new)		29,087	_	_	7,292,259	_	_	7,321,346
South African rand		62,565	48,446,168	(154,812)	91,662,418	_	_	140,016,339
Singapore dollar		74,560	5,609,930	(26,576)	40,834,743	_	_	46,492,657
South Korean won		48,789	_	(2,260)	152,773,588	_	_	152,820,117
Swedish krona		74	8,312,856	116,865	34,731,614	_	_	43,161,409
Swiss franc		853		_	214,298,973	_	_	214,299,826
Thai baht		8,842	_	_	43,753,322	_	_	43,762,164
UAE dirham			_	_	1,453,155	_	_	1,453,155
Various countries	_	_			1,530,823,262			1,530,823,262
Total	\$	45,155,312	833,358,282	(3,558,941)	3,977,970,740			4,852,925,393

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#### 9. Securities Lending

The ERS participates in a securities lending program administered by its bank custodian, The Bank of New York Mellon. Under this program, which is permissible under Chapter 88 of the HRS, certain equity and fixed-income securities of the ERS are lent to participating broker-dealers and banks (borrowers). In return, the ERS receives cash, securities issued or guaranteed by the U.S. government, securities issued or guaranteed by OECD (Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development) member states or their local authorities, Canadian Provincial debt, equity securities that are part of the U.S. and non-U.S. indices, and/or letters of credit as collateral. The ERS does not have the ability to pledge or sell collateral securities absent of borrower default. Risk is mitigated by the investment policies and operational procedures regarding issuer, credit, exposure and rating limits utilized in the securities lending program. Borrowers are required to deliver collateral for each loan equal to: (a) in the case of loaned fixed-income securities and loaned equity securities denominated in U.S. dollars or whose primary trading market was located in the United States, 102% of the market value of the loaned securities; and (b) in the case of loaned equity securities not denominated in U.S. dollars or whose primary trading market was not located in the United States, 105% of the market value of the loaned securities. The collateral is marked to market daily. If the market value of the collateral falls below the minimum collateral requirements, additional collateral is provided. In addition, the bank custodian indemnifies the ERS by agreeing to purchase replacement securities or return cash collateral in the event the borrower fails to return the loaned security or fails to pay the ERS for income distributions by the securities' issuers while the securities are on loan.

The ERS does not impose any restrictions on the amount of loans the bank custodian makes on behalf of the ERS. Also, the ERS and the borrowers maintains the right to terminate securities lending transactions on demand. The Bank of New York Mellon invests the cash collateral related to the ERS' loaned securities in a separate account, according to the ERS investment policies and procedures as discussed above in notes C(2) and F(1). As such, the maturities of the investments made with cash collateral generally do not match the maturities of the securities loans. The extent of such mismatch as of June 30, 2014 was 121 days.

			Collateral received		
Securities lent for collateral		Fair value of underlying securities	Cash	Noncash	
U.S. fixed income	\$	452,255,942	366,542,693	102,399,381	
U.S. equities		1,118,839,786	788,655,226	379,213,289	
International equities		350,735,483	77,907,034	315,714,119	
International fixed income		42,729,662		44,410,360	
	\$	1,964,560,873	1,233,104,953	841,737,149	

At June 30, 2014, there was no credit risk exposure to borrowers since the ERS was collateralized as discussed above. The total securities on loan and collateral received are shown below.

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### 10. Derivative Financial Instruments

Derivatives are instruments (securities or contracts) whose value is dependent on such things as stock or bond prices, interest rate levels, or currency exchange rates. These are financial arrangements between two parties whose payments are based on or "derived" from the performance of some agreed-upon benchmark. As with any investment, derivative contracts are subject to various types of credit and market risks. Notably, these would include the possible inability of the counterparty to meet the terms of the contract, changes in the market value of the underlying collateral, changes in the interest rate environment, and fluctuation in foreign currency rates. The ERS enters into various derivative investment contracts to hedge, for the minimization of transaction costs and as a means of implementing value added strategies to enhance returns as authorized by Board policy.

Generally, derivatives are subject both to market risk and counterparty risk. The derivatives utilized by the ERS typically have no greater risk than their physical counterparts, and in many cases are offset by exposures elsewhere in the portfolio. Counterparty risk, the risk that the "other party" to a contract will default, is managed by utilization of exchange-traded futures and options where practicable (in which case the futures exchange is the counterparty and guarantees performance) and by careful screening of counterparties where use of exchange-traded products is impractical or uneconomical. ERS investment managers seek to control this risk through counterparty credit evaluations and approvals, counterparty credit limits, posting collateral, and exposure monitoring procedures. The ERS anticipates that counterparties will be able to satisfy their obligations under the contracts.

Derivative securities are priced and accounted for at their fair value. For exchange-traded securities such as futures and options, closing prices from the securities exchanges are used. Foreign exchange contracts are valued at the price at which the transaction could be settled by offset in the forwards markets.

The tables below summarize the ERS' investments in derivative securities and contracts held at June 30, 2014 and their associated risks. The various risks associated with these investments are included in the tables expressed in terms of market values, summarized by the type of contract as follows: credit, equity, foreign exchange, interest, and other. Due to the level of risk associated with certain derivative investment securities, it is reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term, and such changes could affect the amounts reported in the financial statements. ERS could be exposed to risk if the counterparties to the contracts are unable to meet the terms of the contracts. ERS investment managers seek to control this risk through counterparty credit evaluations and approvals, counterparty credit limits, posting collaterals, and exposure monitoring procedures.

The notional amount is the nominal or the underlying face amount that is used to calculate payments made on that instrument or contract. Changes in the market value of all derivative contracts are recorded as net appreciation (depreciation) in fair value of investments in the Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position.

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The following table summarizes the ERS' investments in derivative securities and contracts held at June 30, 2014 with the related maturity information:

Asset categories		_	Notional values	Market value	Maturity (Range from)
Forwards	Currency purchases To be announced (TBAs)	\$		(3,894,953) 105,771,063	0.0 yrs to 2.0 yrs 15.0 yrs to 30.0 yrs
	Total forwards	_		101,876,110	
Futures	Interest rate contracts	_	667,896,892		0.0 yrs to 3.0 yrs
	Futures total	-	667,896,892		
Options	Options Options on currency	_		(11,127,304) (12,214)	0.0 yrs to 6.3 yrs 4.6 yrs
	Options total	_		(11,139,518)	
Swaps	Credit default swaps Interest rate swaps	_		39,136 3,348,585	7.0 yrs to 9.7 yrs 0.1 yrs to 29.5 yrs
	Swaps total	_		3,387,721	
	Grand total	\$	667,896,892	94,124,313	

## Forward Currency Exchange Contracts and To-Be-Announced (TBA) Securities

The ERS enters into various forward currency exchange contracts to manage exposure to changes in foreign currency exchange rates and to facilitate the settlement of foreign security transactions. A forward contract is an agreement to buy or sell a specific amount of currency at a specific delivery or maturity date for an agreed-upon price. Risks associated with such contracts include movements in the value of the foreign currency relative to the U.S. dollar and the ability of the counterparty to perform in accordance with the terms of the contract.

The TBA market that ERS invests in as part of its toolkit to manage interest rates and liquidity includes the forward trading of mortgage-backed securities (MBS) issued by federal agencies and federally sponsored agencies (commonly known as pass-through securities issued by Freddie Mac, Fannie Mae, and Ginnie Mae). The TBA market is one of the most liquid, and consequently the most important secondary market for mortgage loans as one MBS pool can be considered to be interchangeable with another pool.

### **Futures**

Futures represent commitments to purchase (asset) or sell (liability) securities at a future date and at a specified price. Futures contracts are traded on organized exchanges (exchange traded) thereby minimizing the ERS' credit risk. The net change in the futures contracts value is settled daily in cash with the exchanges. Net gains or losses arising from the daily settlements are included in the net appreciation in fair value of securities in the Statement of Changes in Net Position. At June 30, 2014, the net notional value of futures contracts was \$667,896,892.

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### Options

Options represent or give the buyers the right, but not the obligation, to buy or sell an asset at a preset price over a specified period. The option's price is usually a small percentage of the underlying asset's value. As a writer of financial options, the ERS receives a premium at the outset of the agreement and bears the risk of an unfavorable change in the price of the financial instrument underlying the option. As a purchaser of financial options, the ERS pays a premium at the outset of the agreement and the counterparty bears the risk of an unfavorable instrument underlying the option.

### Swaps

Swaps represent an agreement between two or more parties to exchange sequences of cash flows over a period in the future. At June 30, 2014, the ERS had interest rate, credit default swaps, and total return swaps as allowed by Board policy. In the most common type of interest rate swap arrangement, one party agrees to pay fixed-interest payments on designated dates to a counterparty who, in turn, agrees to make return interest payments that float with some reference rate. Credit default swaps are the most common global credit market derivative that allows flexibility as an active portfolio management tool based on its ability to customize the exposure to corporate credit such as credit spreads and default risks. Total return swaps combine both market risk and credit risk in a single product as the holder also receives capital gains or losses. Credit default spreads and total return swaps are also used to gain access to global markets that do not have the transparency or efficiency of the U.S. credit markets. Gains and losses from swaps are determined on market values and are included in the net appreciation in fair value of securities in the Statement of Changes in Net Position.

Derivatives, such as interest rate swaps, total return swaps, and credit default swaps, are a tool or instrument used to manage interest rate, credit quality, and yield curve exposures of the investments. In certain situations, derivatives may result in a lower overall cost to the portfolio than owning individual securities underlying the derivatives. When evaluating securities, risk, and return are measured at the security and portfolio levels.

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On June 30, 2014, credit ratings of the counterparty for ERS' investments in derivatives were as follows:

	Derivatives Counterparty Credit Ratings – Moody's									
	-	Aa1	Aa3	A1	A2	A3	Baa1	Baa2	N/A	Grand total
	¢							(10.000)		(10.000)
Bank of America Corp	\$		_			249 (14		(10,098)	_	(10,098)
Barclays PLC		_	_	_	_	248,614	_	_	_	248,614
BNP Paribas SA		_	_	(175)	_	_	_	—	_	(175)
Citigroup Inc		—	_	—	_	—	_	(2,270)	_	(2,270)
CME Group Inc/IL		_	3,122,738	_	_	_	_	—	_	3,122,738
Credit Suisse Group AG		_	_	—	(284)	—	_	—	_	(284)
Deutsche Bank AG		_	_	—	17,764	—	_	_	_	17,764
Goldman Sachs and Co, Cme		_	_	—	_	—	(2,980)	_	_	(2,980)
HSBC Holdings PLC		_	132,828	—	_	—	_	—	_	132,828
JP Morgan Chase & Co		_	_	_	_	(28,805)	_	_	_	(28,805)
Morgan Stanley		_	_	_	_	—	_	(5,177)	_	(5,177)
UBS AG		_	_	_	2,937	—	_	—	_	2,937
United Kingdom of Great Britain										
and Northern Ireland		(76,497)	_	—	_	—	—	_	—	(76,497)
Foreign Currency Forwards		_	_	—	_	—	—	_	(3,894,953)	(3,894,953)
Exchange Traded - Swaps, Options	,									_
and TBAs	-	_							94,620,671	94,620,671
Total	\$	(76,497)	3,255,566	(175)	20,417	219,809	(2,980)	(17,545)	90,725,718	94,124,313

#### Note G – Net Pension Liability

#### 1. Net Pension Liability

The components of the net pension liability of the ERS at June 30, 2014 were as follows:

Total pension liability Plan fiduciary net position	\$ 22,220,097,547 14,203,015,303
Net pension liability	\$ 8,017,082,244
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of total pension liability Net pension liability as a percentage of covered payroll	63.9% 209.4%

Multiyear trend information regarding whether the actuarial value of plan assets is increasing or decreasing over time relative to the actuarial accrued liabilities for benefits can be found in the required supplementary information following the *Notes to the Financial Statements*.

#### 2. Summary of Actuarial Assumptions

The total pension liability was determined using the provisions of Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 67, *Financial Reporting for Pension Plans – an amendment of GASB Statement No. 25,* actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2014. The new GASB rules only redefine pension liability for financial reporting purposes. The actuarial assumptions were based on the results of an experience study for the period from July 1, 2005, through June 30, 2010. When measuring the total pension liability, GASB uses the same

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actuarial-cost method, all actuarial assumptions, and the same discount rate as the ERS uses for funding which can be found in the *Notes to Required Supplementary Information*.

Summary of Actuarial Valuation as of June 30, 2014 follows:

Valuation date	June 30, 2014
Actuarial-cost method	Entry age normal
Amortization method	Level percent, open
Actuarial assumptions:	
Inflation assumption	3.00%
Investment rate of return, including inflation at 3.00%	7.75%
Payroll growth	3.50%
Projected salary increases, including inflation at 3.00%	
Police and fire employees	5.00% to 19.00%
General employees	4.00% to 8.00%
Teachers	4.50% to 8.50%
Cost of living adjustments (COLAs)	2 504 /1 504

Cost-of-living adjustments (COLAs)

2.5%/1.5%

- COLAs are not compounded; and are based on original pension amounts.

Mortality rate assumptions include the effects of the retirement status of members.

Postretirement Mortality rates are:

Healthy:	General Employees	Client specific table for males, 89% multiplier Client specific table for females, 89% multiplier
	Teachers	Client specific table for males, 65% multiplier Client specific table for females, 67% multiplier
	Police and Fire	1994 US Group Annuity Mortality Static Table for males, 85% multiplier 1994 US Group Annuity Mortality Static Table for females, 85% multiplier
Disabled:	General Employees Teachers	1994 US Group Annuity Mortality Static Table for males, set forward nine years 1994 US Group Annuity Mortality Static Table for females, set forward nine years 1994 US Group Annuity Mortality Static Table for males, set forward five years 1994 US Group Annuity Mortality Static Table for females, set forward six years
	Police and Fire	1994 US Group Annuity Mortality Static Table for males, set forward three years 1994 US Group Annuity Mortality Static Table for females, set forward three years

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Preretirement mortality rates are:

For males, multiples of a custom table that has RP-2000 Male Employee rates for age 1 to 70 and RP-2000 Combined Male Rates for ages over 70.

For females, multiples of a custom table that has RP-2000 Female Employee rates for age 1 to 70 and RP-2000 Combined Female Rates for ages over 70.

The following factors are used in conjunction with the described above to derive the death rates:

	General	employees	Tea	chers	Police and Fire		
Туре	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	
Ordinary Accidental	64%	48%	50%	40%	15%	15%	
(Service related)	16%	12%	10%	5%	35%	35%	

The long-term expected arithmetic rate of returns on pension plan investments based on ERS' investment consultant, Pension Consulting Alliance, Inc.'s 2014 capital market projections for the target-asset allocation as of June 30, 2014, are summarized in the following table:

Asset class	Long-term expected arithmetic rate of return
Domestic equity	8.50%
International equity	9.00%
Total fixed income	3.10%
Real estate	8.46%
Private equity	11.75%
Real return	6.10%
Covered calls	7.65%

### Single Discount Rate

A single discount rate of 7.75% was used to measure the total pension liability. This single discount rate was based on the expected rate of return on pension plan investments of 7.75%. The projection of cash flows used to determine this single discount rate assumed that plan member contributions will be made at the current contribution rate and that employer contributions will be made at rates equal to the difference between actuarially determined contribution rates and the member rate. Based on these assumptions, the pension plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

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## 3. Sensitivity of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Single Discount Rate

The following presents the ERS' net pension liability calculated using a single discount rate of 7.75%, as well as what the ERS; net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a single discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (6.75%) or 1-percentage-point higher (8.75%) than the current rate.

	Current	
1% Decrease (6.75%)	Discount Rate (7.75%)	1% Increase (8.75%)
\$ 10,239,091,999	8,017,082,244	5,795,072,490

### Note H – Risk Management

The ERS is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, or destruction of assets; errors or omissions; natural disasters; and injuries to employees. As required by state law, the ERS participates in coverage with the State. The State retains various risks and insures certain excess layers with commercial insurance policies. The excess layers are consistent with the prior fiscal year. Settled claims for the State did not exceed the coverage provided by commercial insurance policies during the year ended June 30, 2014. Losses not covered by insurance are generally paid from legislative appropriations.

## 1. Torts

The ERS is involved in various litigation and claims, including claims regarding retirement benefits, the outcome of which cannot be presently determined. In the opinion of management, the outcome of these actions will not have a material adverse effect on the ERS' financial position.

## 2. Property and Liability Insurance

The ERS also purchased property and liability insurance for all real estate owned from outside carriers. During the past three fiscal years, no loss settlements exceeded insurance coverages.

## 3. Workers' Compensation Policy

The State has a self-insured workers' compensation policy. Workers' compensation claims are paid from legislative appropriations.

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### Note I – Commitments

In the normal course of business, the ERS enters into commitments with associated risks. The ERS adheres to the same credit policies, financial and administrative controls, and risk limiting and monitoring procedures for these commitments as for all investments.

The ERS has future financial commitments of up to \$651,000,000 as of June 30, 2014, consisting of \$102,000,000 in real estate investments, and \$549,000,000 in alternative investments.

#### Note J – Deferred Compensation Plan

The ERS does not sponsor a deferred compensation program. The ERS' employees are eligible to participate in the deferred compensation plan sponsored by the State. The State-sponsored plan was created in accordance with Internal Revenue Code Section 457. The plan, available to all ERS employees, permits them to defer a portion of their salaries. The deferred compensation is not available to the employees until termination, retirement, death, or an unforeseeable emergency. All compensation deferred under the plan is held in trust by a custodian for the exclusive benefit of participants and beneficiaries.

#### **Note K – Subsequent Events**

Effective October 1, 2014, the ERS implemented a new risk-based, functional framework for the asset allocation policy from the prior methodology based on general asset class of securities and type of investments managed. While this strategic asset allocation policy change is not expected to have a significant effect on the long-term financial condition of the ERS, it is expected to help ERS understand, monitor, and manage the risks within investment portfolio. The new strategic asset allocation policy is listed on page 10 in the Management Discussion and Analysis.

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# Schedule of Changes in the Employers' Net Pension Liability and Related Ratios

### A. Total pension liability

<ol> <li>Service Cost</li> <li>Interest on the Total Pension Liability</li> <li>Changes of benefit terms</li> <li>Difference between expected and actual experience of the Total Pension Liability</li> <li>Changes of assumptions</li> <li>Benefit payments, including refunds of employee contributions</li> <li>Net change in total pension liability</li> </ol>	\$ 421,956,129 1,618,917,776 - 66,400,876 - (1,130,921,611) 976,353,170
8. Total pension liability – beginning	 21,243,744,377
9. Total pension liability – ending	\$ 22,220,097,547
B. Plan fiduciary net position	
<ol> <li>Contributions – employer</li> <li>Contributions – employer (picked-up employee contributions)</li> <li>Contributions – employee</li> <li>Net investment income</li> <li>Benefit payments, including refunds         <ul> <li>of employee contributions</li> <li>Pension Plan Administrative Expense</li> <li>Other</li> </ul> </li> <li>Net change in plan fiduciary net position</li> </ol>	\$ 653,127,697 204,821,010 1,306,327 2,175,479,961 (1,130,921,611) (12,626,030) - 1,891,187,354
9. Fiduciary net position – beginning	 12,311,827,949
10. Fiduciary net position – ending	 14,203,015,303
C. Net pension liability	\$ 8,017,082,244
<ul><li>D. Fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability</li><li>E. Covered-employee payroll</li><li>F. Net pension liability as a percentage</li></ul>	\$ 63.92% 3,829,002,983
of covered employee payroll	209.38%

\* Schedule is intended to show information for 10 years. Additional years will be displayed as they become available.

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## Schedule of the Employers' Net Pension Liability

Fiscal year	Total			Fiduciary net position as a % of total		Net pension liability as a percentage
ended	pension	Fiduciary net	Net pension	pension	Covered	of covered
June 30	liability	position	liability	liability	payroll	payroll
2013	\$21,243,744,377	\$12,311,827,949	\$8,931,916,428	57.96%	\$3,720,809,962	240.05%
2014	\$22,220,097,547	\$14,203,015,303	\$8,017,082,244	63.92%	\$3,829,002,983	209.38%

\* Schedule is intended to show information for 10 years. Additional years will be built prospectively as data becomes available.

## **Schedule of Employer Contributions**

(Amounts in thousands)

Fiscal year ended June 30	Actuarially determined contributions	Contributions in relation to the actuarially determined contributions	contribution deficiency (excess)		Covered employee payroll	Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll
2005	328,717	\$ 328,717	\$ -	\$	2,924,548	11.2%
2006	423,446	423,446	-		3,113,737	13.6%
2007	476,754	454,494	(22,260)		3,340,488	13.6%
2008	510,727	488,770	(21,957)		3,601,722	13.6%
2009	526,538	578,635	52,097		3,838,000	15.1%
2010	536,237	547,613	11,376		3,713,593	14.7%
2011	582,535	534,858	(47,677)		3,731,383	14.3%
2012	654,755	548,353	(106,402)		3,706,137	14.8%
2013	667,142	581,447	(85,695)		3,720,810	15.6%
2014	705,224	653,128	(52,096)		3,829,003	17.1%

Note: All contributions shown reflect employer-paid contributions only. Employer contributions (picked-up employee/member contributions) and member contributions are excluded. Information provided by Gabriel, Roeder Smith and Company, the ERS' actuary.

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## Schedule of Investment Returns

	Annual money-
For fiscal year	weighted
ended June 30,:	rate of return
2014	17.9%

\* Schedule is intended to show information for 10 years. Additional years will be built prospectively as data becomes available.

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### Note A – Description

There have been no changes in benefit terms since the last valuation.

Methods and Assumptions Used in Calculations of Actuarially Determined Contributions

The actuarially determined contribution rates in the schedule of contributions are calculated as of June 30, 2014. The following significant actuarial methods and assumptions were used to determine contribution rates reported in that schedule. Please refer to the *Actuarial Section* in the ERS CAFR for additional information on actuarial assumptions.

Valuation date	June 30, 2014
Actuarial-cost method	Entry age normal
Amortization method	Level percent, open
Asset-valuation method	4-year smoothed market
Assumed inflation rate	3.0%
Investment rate of return	7.75% (including 3.0% for
	inflation and a 4.75% net
	real rate of return)
Cost-of-living adjustments (COLAs)	
COLAs are not compounded; they are based on original pension	n amount.
- Membership date prior to July 1, 2012	2.5% (not compounded)
- Membership date after June 30, 2012	1.5% (not compounded)
Payroll growth rate assumption	3.50%

Projected salary increases comprise of the following components:

	General employees	Teachers	Police and fire
Service component by year of credited service (a)	0.0% to 4.0%	0.0% to 4.0%	0.0% to 14.0%
General increase (b)	1.0%	1.5%	2.0%
Inflation (c)	3.0%	3.0%	3.0%
Total increase $(a + b + c)$	4.0% to 8.0%	4.5% to 8.5%	5.0% to 19.0%

## Notes to Required Supplementary Information – Unaudited

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Detailed salary increase rates by years of service are shown below:

	General	employees	Teachers		Police and fire	
Years of service	Service - related component (a)	Total annual rate of increase (a + b + c)	Service - related component (a)	Total annual rate of increase (a + b + c)	Service - related component (a)	Total annual rate of increase (a + b + c)
1	4.00%	8.00%	4.00%	8.50%	14.00%	19.00%
2	3.00%	7.00%	3.25%	7.75%	12.00%	17.00%
3	2.00%	6.00%	2.50%	7.00%	0.00%	5.00%
4	1.25%	5.25%	2.00%	6.50%	0.00%	5.00%
5	1.00%	5.00%	1.50%	6.00%	0.00%	5.00%
6	0.75%	4.75%	1.00%	5.50%	0.00%	5.00%
7	0.50%	4.50%	1.00%	5.50%	0.00%	5.00%
8	0.50%	4.50%	0.75%	5.25%	0.00%	5.00%
9	0.50%	4.50%	0.75%	5.25%	0.00%	5.00%
10	0.25%	4.25%	0.75%	5.25%	0.00%	5.00%
11	0.25%	4.25%	0.50%	5.00%	0.00%	5.00%
12	0.25%	4.25%	0.50%	5.00%	0.00%	5.00%
13	0.25%	4.25%	0.50%	5.00%	0.00%	5.00%
14	0.25%	4.25%	0.50%	5.00%	0.00%	5.00%
15 or more	0.00%	4.00%	0.00%	4.50%	0.00%	5.00%

# Mortality rates used in the valuation are:

Postretirement mortality rates:

Healthy:	General Employees	Client specific table for males, 89% multiplier Client specific table for females, 89% multiplier
	Teachers	Client specific Table for males, 65% multiplier Client specific Table for females, 67% multiplier
	Police and Fire	1994 US Group Annuity Mortality Static Table for males, 85% multiplier 1994 US Group Annuity Mortality Static Table for females, 85% multiplier

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Disabled:	General Employees	1994 US Group Annuity Mortality Static Table for males, set forward nine years 1994 US Group Annuity Mortality Static Table for females, set forward nine years
	Teachers	1994 US Group Annuity Mortality Static Table for males, set forward five years 1994 US Group Annuity Mortality Static Table for females, set forward six years
	Police and Fire	1994 US Group Annuity Mortality Static Table for males, set forward three years 1994 US Group Annuity Mortality Static Table for females, set forward three years

### Preretirement mortality rates:

For males, multiples of a custom table that has RP-2000 Male Employee rates for age 1 to 70 and RP-2000 Combined Male Rates for ages over 70.

For females, multiples of a custom table that has RP-2000 Female Employee rates for age 1 to 70 and RP-2000 Combined Female Rates for ages over 70.

The following factors are used in conjunction with the described above to derive the death rates:

	General employees		Tea	Teachers		Police and fire	
Туре	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	
Ordinary	64%	48%	50%	40%	15%	15%	
Accidental (Service related)	16%	12%	10%	5%	35%	35%	

### Change of Assumptions

There have been no changes in actuarial assumptions or methods since the last valuation.

### Note B – Significant Factors Affecting Trends in Actuarial Information

There have been no significant changes in Plan Provisions since 2011.

### 2011 Changes in Plan Provisions Since 2010

The following changes were made to the actuarial assumptions:

- The investment rate of return assumption decreased from 8.00% to 7.75%.
- The salary increase rates were changed to reflect a larger productivity component for Police and Fire. Small changes also made to service-based components for all groups. The overall impact increased assumed salary increase rates for all employees.
- The rates of mortality for healthy retirees and beneficiaries for most employee groups were decreased.

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- The rates of mortality for disabled retirees for most employee groups were increased.
- The rates of mortality for active employees for most employee groups were increased.
- The rates of disability for active employees for most general employees and teachers were decreased.
- The rates of retirement for most employees were increased.
- The rates of termination in the first six years of service for males generally increased, and remained mostly unchanged for females. After six years of service, the rates of termination generally increased for younger employees and decreased for employees from the age of 50.

### Supplementary Information - Combining Schedule of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position - All Trust Funds

Year ended June 30, 2014

	Pension Accumulation Fund	Annuity Savings Fund	Expense Fund	Total
Additions:				
Appropriations and contributions: Employers Members	\$ 653,127,697	206,127,337		653,127,697 206,127,337
Net investment gain	2,175,479,961			2,175,479,961
Total additions	2,828,607,658	206,127,337		3,034,734,995
Deductions: Benefit payments Refunds of member contributions Administrative expenses	1,122,445,642 	8,475,969	12,626,030	1,122,445,642 8,475,969 12,626,030
Total deductions	1,122,445,642	8,475,969	12,626,030	1,143,547,641
Other changes in net position restricted for pension benefits: Transfer due to retirement of members Transfer of interest allocation Transfer to pay administrative expenses Return of unrequited funds due to savings in administrative expenses	120,431,480 (86,754,224) (11,115,199)	(120,431,480) 86,754,224 —	 11,115,199 	
	22,562,057	(33,677,256)	11,115,199	
Net increase	1,728,724,073	163,974,112	(1,510,831)	1,891,187,354
Net position restricted for pensions: Beginning of year	10,354,417,898	1,943,208,516	14,201,535	12,311,827,949
End of year	\$ 12,083,141,971	2,107,182,628	12,690,704	14,203,015,303

Schedule 2

# EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Supplementary Information – Social Security Contribution Fund Statement of Changes in Assets and Liabilities

Year ended June 30, 2014

Assets		Beginning balance	Additions	Deductions	Ending balance
Cash	\$				
Total assets	\$				
Liabilities	_				
Due to employers	\$		212,075,013	212,075,013	
Total liabilities	\$		212,075,013	212,075,013	

Supplementary Information – Schedule of Administrative Expenses

Year ended June 30, 2014

Personnel services: Salaries and wages Fringe benefits Net change in unused vacation credits	\$	4,763,995 1,887,813 (35,925)
Total personnel services	_	6,615,883
Professional services: Actuarial Auditing and tax consulting Disability hearing expenses Legal services Medical Other services	_	97,500 323,093 65,853 518,796 375,962 491,541
Total professional services	_	1,872,745
Communication: Postage Printing and binding Telephone Travel Total communication Rentals: Rental of equipment	_	143,517 134,862 102,309 83,954 464,642 92,059
Rental of premises	_	17,032
Total rentals		109,091
Other: Armored car service Computer and office automation systems Repairs and maintenance Stationery and office supplies Miscellaneous	_	7,416 856 1,365,577 26,370 53,517
Total other		1,453,736
Depreciation	_	2,109,933
	\$ _	12,626,030

 $Supplementary\ Information-Schedule\ of\ Investment\ Expenses$ 

Year ended June 30, 2014

Real estate and alternative investment expenses:		
Operating expenses	\$	48,952,810
Mortgage interest		10,307,474
Total real estate and alternative investment expenses	_	59,260,284
Investment expenses:		
Investment manager/advisor fees		33,238,783
Bank custodian fees		211,452
Other investment expenses		614,508
Total investment expenses		34,064,743
Securities lending expenses:		
Borrower rebates		(1,104,933)
Management fees		526,122
Total securities lending expenses		(578,811)
	\$	92,746,216