



# MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

(revised 12/31/09)

## Board Clerk Use Only

**Meeting Date:** 12/20/12  
**Agenda Item #:** R.3  
**Est. Start Time:** 9:48 am  
**Date Submitted:** 12/10/12

**Agenda Title:** **Briefing on PERS Funding and Potential Mitigation Strategies**

*Note: If Ordinance, Resolution, Order or Proclamation, provide exact title. For all other submissions, provide a clearly written title sufficient to describe the action requested.*

<b>Requested Meeting Date:</b>	<u>December 20, 2012</u>	<b>Amount of Time Needed:</b>	<u>45 Minutes</u>
<b>Department:</b>	<u>County Management</u>	<b>Division:</b>	<u>Finance &amp; Risk Mgmt</u>
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<b>Presenter(s):</b>	<u>Mark Campbell</u>	<b>I/O Address:</b>	<u>503/531</u>

## General Information

### 1. What action are you requesting from the Board?

No action from the Board is necessary. This is an informational briefing in response to a Budget Note adopted with the FY 2013 budget.

### 2. Please provide sufficient background information for the Board and the public to understand this issue. Please note which Program Offer this action affects and how it impacts the results.

PERS, and specifically the recent increases announced for employer contribution rates, has been a topic in the news recently. The County's PERS rate for the FY 2013-15 biennium will increase by 4.35% of payroll. This represents a cost increase of approximately \$13 million in the coming fiscal year. During last year's budget deliberations the Board adopted a Budget Note related to PERS. It directed:

“(t)he Chief Finance Officer will prepare a briefing and identify opportunities for the County to mitigate the impact of PERS rate increments on direct services and offer specific recommendations as to how to manage PERS liability. The briefing should include legislative changes, issuance of pension obligation bonds or other financing alternatives.”

This briefing will cover those topics in addition to an overview of the PERS system in general. It will include a discussion of steps the County has already taken to mitigate the impact of future PERS increases.

**3. Explain the fiscal impact (current year and ongoing).**

N/A

**4. Explain any legal and/or policy issues involved.**

No direct legal or policy issues will be identified as part of this briefing. However, given previous legislative action it can be expected that any mitigation strategies the state or local governments enact will potentially result in litigation.

**5. Explain any citizen and/or other government participation that has or will take place.**

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**Required Signature**

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**Elected Official or  
Department/  
Agency Director:**

**Commissioner Judy Shiprack /s/**

**Date: 12/10/12**

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