

**PORT OF HOOD RIVER
Resolution No. 2002-03-3**

Authorizing Special Districts Association of Oregon to File Appeal Regarding PERS Rates

WHEREAS, eight public employees brought suit against PERS in Marion County Circuit Court; and

WHEREAS, those employees claimed they were being overcharged in the calculation of employer contribution rates; and

WHEREAS, Judge Paul Lipscomb concluded in part the Public Employees Retirement Board failed to follow specific state laws and had improperly impaired the overall resiliency and flexibility of the entire PERS system; and

WHEREAS, Judge Paul Lipscomb has returned the case to the Board with instructions to update employee mortality tables, issue new employer rate orders for 1998 and 2000 and make a new earnings allocation order for the 1999 investment year; and

WHEREAS, the Board has yet to comply with these instructions; and

WHEREAS, the Board issued new employer rate increases on February 11, 2003, that do not reflect Judge Lipscomb's instructions;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved, that the Port of Hood River Commission authorizes the Special Districts Association of Oregon to file an appeal on the Port's behalf, through outside counsel, from the rate increase received from PERS.

Adopted by the Port of Hood River Commission this 18th day of March 2003.



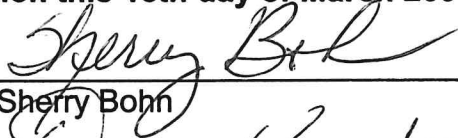
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