CalRTA legislative accomplishments

Highlights from the past three years:

2019
★ Connected with all 55 California members of Congress during Lobby Day in Washington, D.C., to discuss and provide information on the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) and Government Pension Offset (GPO).
★ Co-Sponsored the successful Senate Joint Resolution 3 (SJ 3) by Senator Wilk, urging Congress to pass, and the President to sign, full repeal of the WEP and GPO.
★ Organized monthly advocacy activities to educate and request co-sponsorship of H.R. 141. By the end of December 2019, we had increased co-sponsors to 235.
★ Formed retiree group coalition to actively work together to support or oppose legislation that affects retirees.
★ Supported the following bills that have been chaptered: AB 706: Eliminates limits on Community College academic employee’s transfer time; AB 414: Health care coverage; AB 657: Long-term care insurance; AB 48: education finance; AB 1505: Petitions and renewals of Charter Schools; and AB 1507: Charter Schools location.
★ Strengthened the CalSTRS Retirement Coalition to focus on collaborating on legislation and the financial solvency of CalSTRS.
★ Coordinated a coalition letter in support of Karen Yamamoto as Retiree Representative to the Teachers’ Retirement Board.
★ Achieved additional District and State funding to provide a supplemental payment to CalSTRS. This action provided additional resources to CalSTRS while solidifying Governor Newsom’s commitment to both a defined benefit plan and to the solvency of CalSTRS.

2018
★ Co-Sponsored the successful Assembly Joint Resolution 41 (AJR 41) urging Congress to pass, and the President to sign, full repeal of WEP and GPO.
★ Helped defeat SB 1031 and Assembly Constitutional Amendment 31 (ACA 31) that were pension cut proposals, as well as AB 2217 and SB 539 that would have hurt K-14 funding.
★ Supported K-12 funding adequacy legislation AB 2808, senior patient protection legislation AB 2275, AB 2941, AB 3087, and SB 1191, and for health insurance access AB 2430 and SB 1046.

2017
★ Helped block school voucher proposal in federal budget.
★ Successful Lobby Day in Washington, D.C., with more than 50 meetings on Social Security equity with California members of Congress.
★ Blocked California legislation trying to use the Teacher Retirement Fund for political purposes.

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