

# State of Minnesota

# Presentation to the Legislative Commission on Pensions and Retirement

# Deficit Projected for FY 2018-19

- Outlook for economic growth has weakened since our February Forecast
- \$188 million deficit now projected for FY 2018-19
- \$586 million negative balance projected for FY 2020-21

# Forecast for FY 2018-19

|                        | FY 2018-19       |                      |              |  |
|------------------------|------------------|----------------------|--------------|--|
| (\$ in millions)       | June 2017<br>EOS | Nov 2017<br>Forecast | \$<br>Change |  |
| Beginning Balance      | \$2,708          | \$3,333              | \$625        |  |
| Revenues               | 45,006           | 44,447               | (559)        |  |
| Spending               | 45,557           | 45,955               | 398          |  |
| Cash & Budget Reserves | 1,953            | 1,958                | 5            |  |
| Stadium Reserve        | 40               | 55                   | 15           |  |
| Forecast Balance       | \$163            | \$(188)              | \$(351)      |  |

<sup>\*</sup>End of Session with Court Order

# A look back...February 2017 Forecast for FY 2018-19

| FY 2018-19           |  |  |
|----------------------|--|--|
| Feb 2017<br>Forecast | June 2017<br>EOS*  | \$ Change  |
| \$2,723              | \$2,708  | \$(15)   |
| 45,663               | 45,006   | (657)  |
| 44,741               | 45,557   | 816  |
| 1,953<br>40          | 1,953<br>40  | -  |
|                      | Feb 2017<br>Forecast<br>\$2,723<br>45,663<br>44,741<br>1,953 | Feb 2017<br>Forecast June 2017<br>EOS*   \$2,723 \$2,708   45,663 45,006   44,741 45,557   1,953 1,953 |

**Forecast Balance** 

\$1,650

**\$163** | \$(1,488)

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# Significant Risks with this Forecast

- U.S. policy uncertainty
- Inflation
- Capital gains
- Long, slow-growth expansion

# Minnesota's Economic Fundamentals Remain Strong

- Economy and wages continue to grow, only more slowly
- Minnesota's unemployment rate is lower than the U.S. rate
- Both upside and downside risks with this forecast

# Minnesota's 2017 Bond Rating

| Rating Agency | Rating | Outlook |
|---------------|--------|---------|
| Fitch         | AAA    | Stable  |
| Moody's       | Aa1    | Stable  |
| S&P           | AA+    | Stable  |

## **Current Status of Pension Funds**

## **2016 and 2017 Actuarial Valuations**

(\$ in billions, market value of assets)

|              | June 30, 2016 |                       | June 30, 2017 |                       |
|--------------|---------------|-----------------------|---------------|-----------------------|
|              | Funded Ratio  | Unfunded<br>Liability | Funded Ratio  | Unfunded<br>Liability |
| MSRS-General | 78.4%         | \$3.1                 | 86.1%         | \$2.0                 |
| PERA-General | 72.4%         | \$6.9                 | 78.5%         | \$5.5                 |
| TRA          | 72.7%         | \$7.3                 | 77.5%         | \$6.2                 |

# Funding Provided in the Governor's 2017 General Fund Budget

#### **Governor's 2017 Biennial Budget, Pension Funding Summary**

\$ in thousands

| _                    | FY18   | FY19   | FY20   | FY21    |
|----------------------|--------|--------|--------|---------|
| School Aid Formula   | 22,851 | 45,703 | 45,703 | 45,703  |
| State Agency Funding | 8,274  | 14,004 | 14,004 | 14,004  |
| Direct Aid           | 4,500  | 4,500  | 9,000  | 9,000   |
|                      |        |        |        |         |
| <b>Grand Total</b>   | 35,625 | 64,207 | 68,707 | 68,707  |
| Biennial Total       |        | 99,832 |        | 137,414 |

# Deferred Member Benefit Changes in LCPR Bill

- As the statutorily-designated HR manager for the State, MMB supports policies that establish the State as a model employer.
- Based on demographic trends, the State will need to replace a higher share of retired employees in a more competitive environment.
- MMB is concerned about the impact of proposed deferred member benefit changes on the State's ability to attract and retain more mobile employees and provide those employees with adequate retirement benefits.
- Changes to the deferred member benefit structure should be studied before being enacted.