

FINANCIAL REPORT
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
STATE OF LOUISIANA
JUNE 30, 2017

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Report on Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and the major fund of the House of Representatives, State of Louisiana, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2017, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the House of Representatives' basic financial statements as listed in the index to the report.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions 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 from material misstatement.

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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 policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting 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 opinions.

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and the major fund of the House of Representatives, State of Louisiana, as of June 30, 2017, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis, the budgetary comparison schedule - General Fund, the schedule of funding progress for the other postemployment plans, the schedule of the employer's proportionate share of the net pension liability, and the schedule of the employer's pension contributions, as listed in the index to report, 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.

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements that collectively comprise the House of Representatives, State of Louisiana's basic financial statements. The supplementary information is presented for the purpose of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The supplementary information has not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on it.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated December 22, 2017, on our consideration of the House of Representatives, State of Louisiana’s 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 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 House of Representatives, State of Louisiana’s internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Duplantier, Hrapmann, Hogan & Maher, LLP

New Orleans, Louisiana

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
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Management's discussion and analysis of the House of Representatives, State of Louisiana's (House) financial performance presents a narrative overview and analysis of the House of Representatives' financial activities for the year ended June 30, 2017. This document focuses on the current year's activities, resulting changes, and currently known facts in comparison with the prior year's information. This analysis should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements, which follow this section.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The House's expenses exceeded its general revenues and other financing sources expenses by \$259,805. The House's decrease in net position of \$4,416,832 was due to an overall increase in the House's total expenses, primarily in the area of personnel services, related to postemployment benefit obligations and pension expense.

- The general revenues of the House were \$26,537,346, which is a decrease of \$2,814,964. The House's general revenues decreased primarily due to a decrease in the House's State General Fund Appropriation in the current year.
- The other financing sources of the House were \$1,780,458, which is a decrease of \$101,140.
- The other financing uses of the House were \$-0-, which is a decrease of \$261,302.
- The total expenses of the House were \$32,734,636, which is an increase of \$855,582. Personnel services accounted for the largest portion of this increase due to increases in pension expense and postemployment benefit obligations.

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

This report consists of three sections: management's discussion and analysis (this section), the basic financial statements, and required supplementary information. Management's discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the House of Representatives' basic financial statements. The basic financial statements comprise three components: (1) government-wide financial statements, (2) fund financial statements, and (3) notes to the financial statements. This report also contains additional information to supplement the basic financial statements, such as required supplementary information.

Government-wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the House of Representatives' finances in a manner similar to a private-sector business.

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The Statement of Net Position presents information on the House of Representatives' assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources, with the difference reported as net position. This statement is designed to display the financial position of the House of Representatives. Over time, increases or decreases in net position help determine whether the House of Representatives' financial position is improving or deteriorating.

The Statement of Activities presents information showing how the House of Representatives' net position changed during the most recent fiscal year. Regardless of when cash is affected, all changes in net position are reported when the underlying transactions occur. As a result, transactions may be included that will not affect cash until future fiscal periods.

Fund Financial Statements

A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The House of Representatives uses a single fund to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related laws and regulations. Within the basic financial statements, fund financial statements focus on the House of Representatives' only fund, the General Fund.

The House of Representatives uses only one fund type, the governmental fund. The governmental fund is used to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike the government-wide financial statements, governmental fund financial statements focus on near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources, as well as on balances of spendable resources available at the end of the fiscal year. Such information may be useful in evaluating the House of Representatives' near-term financing requirements.

Because the focus of the governmental fund financial statements is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for governmental funds with similar information presented for governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. Both the governmental fund Balance Sheet and the governmental fund Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between the governmental fund and the governmental activities.

Notes to the Financial Statements

The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements.

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Other Information

In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents certain required supplementary information concerning the House's budgetary comparison, progress in funding its obligations to provide other postemployment benefits, proportionate share of the net pension liability, and pension contributions.

Following the required supplementary information is other supplementary information concerning the House's payments to Legislators for per diem and other compensation that further explains and supports the information in the financial statements.

The following presents condensed financial information of the House of Representatives:

**COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS OF NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2017 AND 2016**

	<u>2017</u>	<u>(Restated)</u> <u>2016</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>Percentage</u> <u>Change</u>
<u>Assets:</u>				
Current assets	\$ 31,281,716	\$ 30,945,623	\$ 336,093	1.1%
Capital assets, net	70,166	84,405	(14,239)	(16.9%)
Total assets	<u>31,351,882</u>	<u>31,030,028</u>	<u>321,854</u>	1.0%
<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>10,356,242</u>	<u>5,503,698</u>	<u>4,852,544</u>	88.2%
<u>Liabilities:</u>				
Current liabilities	1,398,537	1,042,560	355,977	34.1%
Long-term liabilities	62,482,459	52,999,194	9,483,265	17.9%
Total liabilities	<u>63,880,996</u>	<u>54,041,754</u>	<u>9,839,242</u>	18.2%
<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>	<u>757,459</u>	<u>1,005,471</u>	<u>(248,012)</u>	(24.7%)
<u>Net Position:</u>				
Net investment in capital assets	70,166	84,405	(14,239)	(16.9%)
Unrestricted	(23,000,497)	(18,597,904)	(4,402,593)	(23.7%)
Total net position (deficit)	<u>\$ (22,930,331)</u>	<u>\$ (18,513,499)</u>	<u>\$ (4,416,832)</u>	(23.9%)

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**COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2017 AND 2016**

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>Percentage Change</u>
General revenues	\$ 26,537,346	\$ 29,352,310	\$ (2,814,964)	(9.6%)
Expenses	32,734,636	31,879,054	855,582	2.7%
Other financing sources	1,780,458	1,881,598	(101,140)	(5.4%)
Change in net position	<u>\$ (4,416,832)</u>	<u>\$ (645,146)</u>	<u>\$ (3,771,686)</u>	584.6%

CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

The House of Representatives' investment in capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, as of June 30, 2017, is \$70,166. The investment in capital assets includes office furniture and equipment, computer equipment, and automobiles. The total decrease in capital assets for the current fiscal year was 16.9%. Depreciation accounted for the majority of the decrease.

The House of Representatives has no long-term debt outstanding at year-end. However, there are long-term liabilities related to other postemployment benefits, pensions, and compensated absences.

BUDGET ANALYSIS

A comparison of budget to actual operations is a required supplementary statement and is presented in the accompanying supplementary information. The House was under budget in the areas of personnel services, travel, supplies, telephone, utilities and building, dues and subscriptions, printing, professional services, and capital outlay, but was over budget in the area of office expense and maintenance. The House's total expenditures were over budget due primarily to Act 77 of the 2016 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, which reduced the House's original budget request, which was approved by the Legislative Budgetary Council, by 10%. However, most of the overages were offset by interagency transfers and reappropriated fund balance carried over from prior years.

ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

Act 78 of the 2017 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature approved a State General Fund Appropriation of \$28,998,300 for 2018. However, the Act also states that the total legislative appropriation is to be reduced pursuant to a plan adopted by the Legislative Budgetary Control Council. As such, the House is expecting an appropriation of \$25,446,009 for 2018, which is a 2.5% decrease from the appropriation for 2017.

CONTACTING THE HOUSE'S MANAGEMENT

This audit report is designed to provide a general overview of the House and to demonstrate the House's accountability for its finances. If you have any questions about this report or need additional information, please contact the House of Representatives, State of Louisiana, P.O. Box 94062, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804.

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GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCE SHEET /
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2017

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Adjustments*</u>	<u>Statement of Net Position</u>
ASSETS:			
Cash	\$ 31,116,486	\$ -	\$ 31,116,486
Due from other legislative agencies	85,504	-	85,504
Accounts receivable	15,283	-	15,283
Promotional inventory	64,443	-	64,443
Capital assets (net of allowance for depreciation)	-	70,166 (1)	70,166
Total assets	<u>\$ 31,281,716</u>	<u>70,166</u>	<u>31,351,882</u>
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES:			
Deferred outflows related to pensions	\$ -	10,356,242 (2)	10,356,242
LIABILITIES:			
Accounts payable	64,587	-	64,587
Employee benefits payable	983,753	-	983,753
Salaries payable	264,755	-	264,755
Compensated absences:			
Current portion	-	85,442 (2)	85,442
Noncurrent portion	-	1,524,454 (2)	1,524,454
OPEB payable	-	18,907,868 (2)	18,907,868
Net pension liabilities	-	42,050,137 (2)	42,050,137
Total liabilities	<u>1,313,095</u>	<u>62,567,901</u>	<u>63,880,996</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES:			
Deferred inflows related to pensions	-	757,459 (2)	757,459
FUND BALANCE/NET POSITION:			
Nonspendable	64,443	(64,443)	-
Restricted	196,595	(196,595)	-
Committed	613,220	(613,220)	-
Assigned	23,292,764	(23,292,764)	-
Unassigned	5,801,599	(5,801,599)	-
Total fund balance	<u>29,968,621</u>		
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE	<u>\$ 31,281,716</u>		
NET POSITION:			
Net investment in capital assets		70,166	70,166
Unrestricted		(23,000,497)	(23,000,497)
TOTAL NET POSITION (DEFICIT)		<u>\$ (22,930,331)</u>	<u>\$ (22,930,331)</u>

*Explanations

- (1) Capital assets used in governmental activities are not current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the General Fund.
- (2) Long-term liabilities, such as compensated absences, net pension liability and its related deferred inflows and outflows, and other postemployment benefits, are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the General Fund.

See accompanying notes.

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STATEMENT OF GOVERNMENTAL FUND REVENUES,
EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE / STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Adjustments*</u>	<u>Statement of Activities</u>
EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES:			
Personnel services	\$ 25,381,962	\$ 4,163,413 (1)	\$ 29,545,375
Travel	387,266	-	387,266
Supplies	221,746	-	221,746
Telephone, utilities, and building	359,145	-	359,145
Dues and subscriptions	3,160	-	3,160
Printing	123,505	-	123,505
Office expense and maintenance	2,004,742	-	2,004,742
Professional services	29,543	-	29,543
Capital outlay	45,915	(16,995) (2)	28,920
Depreciation	-	31,234 (2)	31,234
Total expenditures/expenses	<u>28,556,984</u>	<u>4,177,652</u>	<u>32,734,636</u>
GENERAL REVENUES:			
State appropriations	26,098,470	-	26,098,470
Interest	192,622	-	192,622
Other	225,629	20,625 (1)	246,254
Total general revenues	<u>26,516,721</u>	<u>20,625</u>	<u>26,537,346</u>
Excess (deficiency) of general revenues over expenditures/expenses	<u>(2,040,263)</u>	<u>2,040,263</u>	<u>-</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES:			
Interagency transfers in	1,780,458	-	1,780,458
Total other financing sources	<u>1,780,458</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,780,458</u>
Excess of expenditures/expenses over general revenues and other financing sources	(259,805)	259,805	-
CHANGE IN NET POSITION	-	(4,416,832)	(4,416,832)
FUND BALANCE/NET POSITION:			
Beginning of year, restated	30,228,426	(48,741,925)	(18,513,499)
End of Year	<u>\$ 29,968,621</u>	<u>\$ (52,898,952)</u>	<u>\$ (22,930,331)</u>

***Explanations**

- (1) Expenses and revenues of long-term obligations for compensated absences, pension plans, and other postemployment benefits reported in the Statement of Activities do not require the use of current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as expenditures in the General Fund.
- (2) Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense. The amount of capital outlays not meeting the capitalization threshold are reported as an expense (i.e., supplies).

See accompanying notes.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NATURE OF OPERATIONS:

The House of Representatives is a part of the legislative branch of government created under Article III of the 1974 Louisiana Constitution.

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) promulgates accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and reporting standards for state and local governments. These principles are found in the *Codification of the Governmental Accounting and Reporting Guidelines*. The accompanying financial statements have been prepared in accordance with such principles.

The following is a summary of the significant accounting policies:

Financial Reporting Entity – Application of Section 2100 of the GASB Codification defines the governmental reporting entity (in relation to the House of Representatives, State of Louisiana) to be the State of Louisiana. The accompanying financial statements of the House of Representatives contain sub-account information of the General Fund of the State of Louisiana. Annually, the State of Louisiana issues general purpose financial statements, which include the activity contained in the accompanying financial statements. However, the activity may be presented or classified differently due to perspective differences. The House of Representatives has no fiduciary funds or component units.

Fund Accounting – The House of Representatives uses fund accounting (separate set of self-balancing accounts) to reflect the sources and uses of available resources and the budgetary restrictions placed on those funds by the Louisiana Legislature. The House of Representatives has only a General Fund, supported by an appropriation from the State of Louisiana, and self-generated funds. The General Fund is used to account for all of the House of Representatives' activities, including the acquisition of capital assets and the servicing of long-term liabilities.

Basis of Accounting:

Within the accompanying statements, the General Fund column of the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities reports all activities of the House of Representatives using the current financial resource measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available.

Revenues are considered available when they are collected within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. Management considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 45 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Using this methodology, the legislative appropriation is recorded during the year, and for the year, the appropriation is made, and interest and other revenues are recorded when earned. Expenditures are recorded when a liability is incurred, as in accrual accounting. However, compensated absences, pension liabilities, and other postemployment benefits (OPEB) are recorded when paid.

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1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES: (Continued)

Basis of Accounting: (Continued)

The General Fund column is adjusted to create a Statement of Net Position and a Statement of Activities. Within this column, amounts are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows.

Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources:

A deferred outflow of resources represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period and will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expenditure/expense) until that future time.

A deferred inflow of resources represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period and therefore will not be recognized an inflow of resources (revenue) until that future time.

Budgetary Practices:

The House of Representatives, State of Louisiana, is required to submit to the Legislative Budgetary Control Council an estimate of the financial requirements for the ensuing fiscal year. The General Fund appropriation is enacted into law by the legislature and sent to the Governor for his signature. The House is authorized to transfer budget amounts between accounts in the General Fund. Revisions, which alter total appropriations, must be approved by the legislature. The level of budgetary responsibility is by total appropriation. All annual appropriations lapse at fiscal year-end, and require that any amounts not expended or encumbered at the close of the fiscal year be returned to the State General Fund unless otherwise reappropriated by subsequent legislative action. Current appropriation legislation authorizes such reappropriation of prior year funds.

The budget for the General Fund is prepared on the budgetary (legal) basis of accounting. In compliance with budgetary authorization, the House of Representatives includes the prior year's fund balance represented by appropriated net position remaining in the fund as a budgeted revenue in the succeeding year. The results of operations on a GAAP basis do not recognize the fund balance allocation as revenue because it represents prior period's excess of revenues over expenditures.

Encumbrance accounting is used during the year to reserve portions of the annual appropriation for unfilled purchase orders. Year-end encumbrances are not charged against the current year appropriation and are carried forward into the next budget year.

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1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES: (Continued)

Promotional Inventory:

The House maintains an inventory of promotional items, which are available for sale to the general public, in the interest of promoting the State of Louisiana and the legislature. Inventory items are recorded at the lower of cost or market on a first-in, first-out basis.

Compensated Absences:

Accumulated unpaid annual and compensatory leave is reported in the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities. The House's employees accrue unlimited amounts of annual and sick leave at varying rates, as established by the House's personnel manual. Upon resignation or retirement, unused annual leave of up to 300 hours is paid to employees at the employee's current rate of pay. Upon retirement, annual leave in excess of 300 hours and unused sick leave are credited as earned service in computing retirement benefits.

Furthermore, employees earn compensatory leave for hours worked in excess of 40 hours per work week up to 360 hours in odd-numbered years. The compensatory leave may be used similarly to annual or sick leave, and any unused balance up to 360 hours is paid to the employee upon resignation or retirement.

Postemployment Benefits:

The House of Representatives, State of Louisiana, provides certain health care and life insurance benefits for retired employees. Substantially all of the House of Representatives' employees may become eligible for those benefits if they reach normal retirement age while working for the House. These benefits for retirees and similar benefits for active employees are provided through the State's Office of Group Benefits Plan and the LSU System Health Plan. Monthly premiums are paid jointly by the employee and the House of Representatives. The House recognizes the cost of providing these benefits as expenditures in the year paid in the General Fund. For the year ended June 30, 2017, those costs totaled \$816,179, which covered 133 retired employees, funded through the legislative appropriation.

Capital Assets:

The accompanying statements reflect furniture, fixtures, and equipment used by the House and funded by the legislative appropriation, in daily operations. Those assets are recorded at cost. Depreciation is charged to expense over the estimated useful lives of the assets and is determined using the straight-line method. Expenditures for maintenance and repairs, which do not materially extend the useful life of the asset, are charged to expense as incurred.

The accompanying statements do not include the value of land and buildings provided without cost to the House by the State of Louisiana. Those assets are recorded with the annual financial statements of the State of Louisiana.

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1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES: (Continued)

Capital Assets: (Continued)

The depreciable assets are depreciated using the straight-line method of allocating costs over the following useful lives:

Equipment	3 - 7 years
Furniture and Equipment	5 - 10 years
Automobiles	5 years

Estimates:

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenditures during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Noncurrent Liabilities:

Noncurrent liabilities include estimated amounts for accrued compensated absences, other postemployment benefits, and net pension liabilities that will not be paid within the next fiscal year.

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System (LASERS), Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana (TRSL), the Louisiana Clerk of Court Retirement and Relief Fund (LACRF), and the Louisiana School Employees' Retirement System (LSERS) and additions to/deductions from LASERS', TRSL's, LACRF's, and LSERS' fiduciary net positions have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by LASERS, TRSL, LACRF, and LSERS. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

Fund Balance:

Fund balance is classified in the following components:

- (a) Nonspendable includes fund balance amounts that cannot be spent either because it is in nonspendable form (such as inventory) or because of legal or contractual constraints.

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Fund Balance: (Continued)

- (b) Restricted includes fund balance amounts that are constrained for specific purposes which are externally imposed by providers (such as grantors, bondholders and higher levels of government) or amounts constrained due to constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
- (c) Committed includes fund balance amounts that are constrained for specific purposes that are internally imposed by the House itself, using its highest level of decision-making authority, the Speaker of the House. To be reported as *committed*, amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the House takes the same highest level action to remove or change the constraint.
- (d) Assigned includes fund balance amounts that the House intends to use for specific purposes as determined by the Speaker of the House that are neither considered restricted nor committed.
- (e) Unassigned fund balance amounts include the residual amounts of fund balance which do not fall into one of the other components. Positive amounts are reported only in the General Fund.

The House applies restricted resources first when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which either restricted or unrestricted (committed, assigned, and unassigned) amounts are available. Similarly, within unrestricted fund balance, committed amounts are reduced first followed by assigned, and then unassigned amounts when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which amounts in any of the unrestricted fund balance classifications could be used. The House does not have a formal minimum fund balance policy.

Net Position:

Net position comprises the various net earnings from revenues and expenses. Net position is classified in the following components:

- (a) Net investment in capital assets consists of the House's total investment in capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation.
- (b) Restricted consists of resources restricted by external sources such as creditors, grantors, contributors or by law.
- (c) Unrestricted consists of resources derived from state appropriations, interest earnings, and other miscellaneous sources. These resources are used for transactions relating to general operations of the House and may be used at its discretion to meet current expenses and for any purpose.

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Adoption of New Accounting Principles:

During the year ended June 30, 2017, the House implemented GASB Statement No. 82, *Pension Issues – an Amendment of GASB Statement No. 67, 68 & 83*. This statement changed the measure of payroll that is presented in the schedules of required supplementary information to covered payroll.

2. DEPOSITS IN BANKS:

Under state law, the House of Representatives may deposit funds in an approved bank located in the state selected by the presiding officer of the House of Representatives. These public deposits must be secured by federal deposit insurance or pledged securities owned by the fiscal agent bank. The market value of the pledged securities plus the federal deposit insurance must at all times equal the amount on deposit with the fiscal agent bank.

At June 30, 2017, the carrying amount of the House of Representatives' cash accounts was \$31,116,486. The bank balances were \$31,376,832. All cash was covered by federal depository insurance or pledged securities held by the Federal Reserve Bank in the name of the House of Representatives.

3. CAPITAL ASSETS:

A summary of changes in capital assets for the year ended June 30, 2017, was as follows:

	Beginning Balance <u>July 01, 2016</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	Ending Balance <u>June 30, 2017</u>
Automobiles	\$ 86,715	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 86,715
Furniture and equipment	745,945	16,995	-	762,940
Total capital assets	<u>832,660</u>	<u>16,995</u>	-	<u>849,655</u>
Less: accumulated depreciation	<u>(748,255)</u>	<u>(31,234)</u>	-	<u>(779,489)</u>
Capital assets, net	<u>\$ 84,405</u>	<u>\$ (14,239)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 70,166</u>

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4. PENSION PLANS:

Plan Descriptions:

Substantially all employees of the House of Representatives are members of one of four possible statewide, public employee retirement systems: the Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System (LASERS), the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana (TRSL), the Louisiana Clerk of Court Retirement and Relief Fund (LACRF), and the Louisiana School Employees' Retirement System (LSERS). The plans are administered by separate boards of trustees and are cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plans. The State of Louisiana guarantees benefits granted by the retirement systems by provisions of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974. Article 10, Section 29 of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974 assigns the authority to establish and amend benefit provisions to the state legislature. The systems issue annual, publicly-available financial reports that include financial statements and required supplementary information for the systems. The reports for LASERS, TRSL, LACRF, and LSERS may be obtained at www.lasersonline.org, www.trsl.org, www.laclerksofcourt.org, and www.lasers.net, respectively.

In 1999, an Optional Retirement Plan (ORP) was established as a defined contribution component of LASERS for certain unclassified employees who otherwise would have been eligible to become members of the defined benefit plan. The ORP provides portability of assets and full and immediate vesting of all contributions submitted on behalf of members. The ORP is administered by a third-party provider with oversight from LASERS Board of Trustees. Monthly employer and employee contributions are invested as directed by the member to provide the member with future retirement benefits. The amount of these benefits is entirely dependent upon the total contributions and investment returns accumulated during the member's working lifetime. ORP balances are held by the provider in each participant's name. These balances are included in LASERS' total investments on the Statement of Fiduciary Net Position. The ORP was closed to new members on December 7, 2007. However, members in the ORP as of December 31, 2007 were granted the option by Act 718 of the 2012 Louisiana Regular Legislative Session to regain membership in the defined benefit plan.

Benefits Provided:

Retirement Benefits – LASERS:

LASERS administers a plan to provide retirement, disability, and survivor benefits to eligible state employees and their beneficiaries as defined in R.S. 11:411-414. The age and years of creditable service required in order for a member to retire with full benefits are established by statute, and vary depending on the member's hire date, employer, and job classification. The rank and file members hired prior to July 1, 2006, may either retire with full benefits at any age upon completing 30 years of creditable service or at age 60 upon completing 10 years of creditable service depending on their plan. Those members hired between July 1, 2006 and June 30, 2015, may retire at age 60 upon completing five years of creditable service and those hired on or after

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Benefits Provided: (Continued)

Retirement Benefits – LASERS: (Continued)

July 1, 2015, may retire at age 62 upon completing five years of creditable service. The basic annual retirement benefit for members is equal to 2.5% to 3.5% of average compensation multiplied by the number of years of creditable service. Additionally, members may choose to retire with 20 years of service at any age, with an actuarially reduced benefit.

Average compensation is defined as the member's average annual earned compensation for the highest 36 consecutive months of employment for members employed prior to July 1, 2006. For members hired July 1, 2006 or later, average compensation is based on the member's average annual earned compensation for the highest 60 consecutive months of employment. The maximum annual retirement benefit cannot exceed the lesser of 100% of average compensation or a certain specified dollar amount of actuarially determined monetary limits, which vary depending upon the member's age at retirement. Judges, court officers, and certain elected officials receive an additional annual retirement benefit equal to 1.0% of average compensation multiplied by the number of years of creditable service in their respective capacity.

As an alternative to the basic retirement benefits, a member may elect to receive their retirement throughout their life, with certain benefits being paid to their designated beneficiary after their death.

Act 992 of the 2010 Louisiana Regular Legislative Session, changed the benefit structure for LASERS members hired on or after January 1, 2011. This resulted in three new plans: regular, hazardous duty, and judges. The new regular plan includes regular members and those members who were formerly eligible to participate in specialty plans, excluding hazardous duty and judges. Regular members and judges are eligible to retire at age 60 after five years of creditable service and, may also retire at any age, with a reduced benefit, after 20 years of creditable service. Hazardous duty members are eligible to retire with 12 years of creditable service at age 55, 25 years of creditable service at any age, or with a reduced benefit after 20 years of creditable service. Average compensation will be based on the member's average annual earned compensation for the highest 60 consecutive months of employment for all three new plans. Members in the regular plan will receive a 2.5% accrual rate, hazardous duty plan a 3.33% accrual rate, and judges a 3.5% accrual rate. The extra 1.0% accrual rate for each year of service for court officers, the governor, lieutenant governor, legislators, House clerk, sergeants at arms, or Senate secretary, employed after January 1, 2011, was eliminated by Act 992. Specialty plan and regular members, hired prior to January 1, 2011, who are hazardous duty employees have the option to transition to the new hazardous duty plan.

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4. PENSION PLANS: (Continued)

Benefits Provided: (Continued)

Retirement Benefits – LASERS: (Continued)

Act 226 of the 2014 Louisiana Regular Legislative Session established new retirement eligibility for members of LASERS hired on or after July 1, 2015, excluding hazardous duty plan members. Regular members and judges under the new plan are eligible to retire at age 62 after five years of creditable service and, may also retire at any age, with a reduced benefit, after 20 years of creditable service. Average compensation will be based on the member's average annual earned compensation for the highest 60 consecutive months of employment. Members in the regular plan will receive a 2.5% accrual rate, and judges a 3.5% accrual rate, with the extra 1.0% accrual rate based on all years of service as a judge.

Members of the Harbor Police Retirement System who were members prior to July 1, 2014, may retire after 25 years of creditable service at any age, 12 years of creditable service at age 55, 20 years of creditable service at age 45, and 10 years of creditable service at age 60. Average compensation for the plan is the member's average annual earned compensation for the highest 36 consecutive months of employment, with a 3.33% accrual rate.

A member leaving employment before attaining minimum retirement age, but after completing certain minimum service requirements, becomes eligible for a benefit provided the member lives to the minimum service retirement age, and does not withdraw their accumulated contributions. The minimum service requirement for benefits varies depending upon the member's employer and service classification.

Retirement Benefits – TRSL:

TRSL administers a plan to provide retirement, disability, and survivor benefits to employees who meet the legal definition of a "teacher" as provided for in 11:701. Members of the Regular Plan whose first employment makes them eligible for membership in a Louisiana state retirement system on or after January 1, 2011, may retire with a 2.5% accrual rate after attaining age 60 with at least five years of service credit and are eligible for an actuarially reduced benefit with 20 years of service at any age. All other members, if initially hired on or after July 1, 1999, are eligible for a 2.5% accrual rate at the earliest of age 60 with five years of service, age 55 with 25 years of service, or at any age with 30 years of service. Members may retire with an actuarially reduced benefit with 20 years of service at any age. If hired before July 1, 1999, members are eligible for a 2% accrual rate at the earliest of age 60 with 5 years of service, or at any age with 20 years of service and are eligible for a 2.5% accrual rate at the earliest of age 65 with 20 years of service, age 55 with 25 years of service, or at any age with 30 years of service.

Members of the Lunch Plan A may retire with a 3.0% annual accrual rate at age 55 with 25 years of service, age 60 with five years of service or 30 years of service, regardless of age. Plan A is closed to new entrants.

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Benefits Provided: (Continued)

Retirement Benefits – TRSL: (Continued)

Members of the Lunch Plan B may retire with a 2.0% annual accrual rate at age 55 with 30 years of service, or age 60 (first employed between January 1, 2011 to June 30, 2015) with five years of service, or age 62 (first employed after June 30, 2015) with five years of service, or an actuarially reduced benefit with 20 years of service at any age.

For all defined benefit TRSL plans, retirement benefits are based on a formula which multiplies the final average compensation by the applicable accrual rate, and by the years of creditable service. For Regular Plan and Lunch Plan B members whose first employment makes them eligible for membership in a Louisiana state retirement system on or after January 1, 2011, final average compensation is defined as the highest average 60-month period. For all other members, final average compensation is defined as the highest average 36-month period.

A retiring TRSL member is entitled to receive the maximum benefit payable until the member's death. In lieu of the maximum benefit, the member may elect to receive a reduced benefit payable in the form of a Joint and Survivor Option, or as a lump sum that can't exceed 36 months of the members' maximum monthly benefit amount.

Effective July 1, 2009, members may make an irrevocable election at retirement to receive an actuarially reduced benefit which increases 2.5% annually, beginning on the first retirement anniversary date, but not before age 55 or before the retiree would have attained age 55 in the case of a surviving spouse. This option can be chosen in combination with the above options.

Retirement Benefits – LACRF:

A member or former member shall be eligible for regular retirement benefits upon attaining twelve or more years of credited service, attaining the age of 55 years or more, and terminating employment. Regular retirement benefits, payable monthly for life, equal 3 1/3% of the member's average final compensation multiplied by the number of years of credited service, not to exceed 100% of the monthly average final compensation. Monthly average final compensation is based on the highest compensated thirty-six consecutive months, with a limit of increase of 10% in each of the last three years of measurement. For those members hired on or after July 1, 2006, compensation is based on the highest compensated sixty consecutive months with a limit of 10% increase in each of the last six years of measurement. Act 273 of the 2010 regular session applied the 60 consecutive months to all members. This Act has a transition period for those members who retired on or after January 1, 2011 and before December 31, 2012. Additionally, Act 273 of the 2010 regular session increased a member's retirement to age 60 with an accrual rate of 3% for all members hired on or after January 1, 2011.

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Benefits Provided: (Continued)

Retirement Benefits – LACRF: (Continued)

A member leaving covered employment before attaining early retirement age, but after completing 12 years of credited service, becomes eligible for a deferred allowance provided the member lives to the minimum service retirement age and does not withdraw his or her accumulated contributions.

Retirement Benefits – LSERS:

LSERS provides retirement, deferred retirement option (DROP), and disability benefits. Benefit provisions are dictated by R.S. 11:1141 - 11:1153. A member who joined LSERS on or before June 30, 2010, is eligible for normal retirement if he has at least 30 years of creditable service regardless of age, 25 years of creditable service and is at least age 55, 20 years of creditable service regardless of age with an actuarially reduced benefit, or 10 years of creditable service and is at least age 60. A member who joined LSERS on or after July 1, 2010, is eligible for normal retirement if he has at least five years of creditable service and is at least age 60 or 20 years of creditable service regardless of age with an actuarially-reduced benefit. A member who joined LSERS on or after July 1, 2015, is eligible for normal retirement if he has at least five years of creditable service and is at least age 62 or 20 years of creditable service regardless of age with an actuarially reduced benefit.

For members who joined LSERS prior to July 1, 2006, the maximum retirement benefit is an amount equal to 3 1/3% of the average compensation for the three highest consecutive years of membership service, subject to the 10% salary limitation, multiplied by the number of years of service plus a supplementary allowance of \$2.00 per month for each year of service, limited to 100% of final average compensation. For members who joined LSERS on or after July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2010, 3 1/3% of the average compensation is used to calculate benefits; however, the calculation consists of the five highest consecutive years of membership service, subject to the 10% salary limitation. For members who joined LSERS on or after July 1, 2010, 2 1/2% of the average compensation is used to calculate benefits and consists of the five highest consecutive years' average salary, subject to the 15% salary limitation. The supplemental allowance was eliminated for members entering LSERS on or after July 1, 1986. Effective January 1, 1992, the supplemental allowance was reinstated to all members whose service retirement became effective after July 1, 1971.

Deferred Retirement Benefits - LASERS:

The state legislature authorized LASERS to establish a Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP). When a member enters DROP, their status changes from active member to retiree even though they continue to work and draw their salary for a period of up to three years. The election is irrevocable once participation begins. During DROP participation, accumulated retirement benefits that would have been paid to each retiree are separately tracked. For members who

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Deferred Retirement Benefits - LASERS: (Continued)

entered DROP prior to January 1, 2004, interest at a rate of 0.5% less than the System's realized return on its portfolio (not to be less than zero) will be credited to the retiree after participation ends. At that time, the member must choose among available alternatives for the distribution of benefits that have accumulated in the DROP account.

Members who enter DROP on or after January 1, 2004, are required to participate in LASERS Self-Directed Plan (SDP) which is administered by a third-party provider. The SDP allows DROP participants to choose from a menu of investment options for the allocation of their DROP balances. Participants may diversify their investments by choosing from an approved list of mutual funds with different holdings, management styles, and risk factors.

Members eligible to retire and who do not choose to participate in DROP may elect to receive at the time of retirement an initial benefit option (IBO) in an amount up to 36 months of benefits, with an actuarial reduction of their future benefits. For members who selected the IBO option prior to January 1, 2004, such amount may be withdrawn or remain in the IBO account earning interest at a rate of 0.5% less than the System's realized return on its portfolio (not to be less than zero). Those members who select the IBO on or after January 1, 2004, are required to enter the SDP as described above.

For members who are in the Harbor Police Plan, the annual DROP Interest Rate is the three-year average (calculated as the compound average of 36 months) investment return of the plan assets for the period ending the June 30th immediately preceding that given date. The average rate so determined is to be reduced by a "contingency" adjustment of 0.5%, but not to below zero. DROP interest is forfeited if member does not cease employment after DROP participation.

Deferred Retirement Benefits - TRSL:

In lieu of terminating employment and accepting a service retirement, an eligible TRSL member can begin participation in the Deferred Retirement Option Program (DROP) on the first retirement eligibility date for a period not to exceed the three years. A member has a 60-day window from his first eligible date to participate in the program in order to participate for the maximum number of years. Delayed participation reduces the three year participation period. During participation, benefits otherwise payable are fixed, and deposited in an individual DROP account. Upon termination of DROP, the member can continue employment and earn additional accruals to be added to the fixed pre-DROP benefit. Upon termination of employment, the member is entitled to the fixed benefit, an additional benefit based on post-DROP service (if any), and the individual DROP account balance which can be paid in a lump sum or an additional annuity based upon the account balance.

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Deferred Retirement Benefits - LACRF:

In lieu of terminating employment and accepting a service retirement allowance, any member of LACRF who is eligible for a service retirement allowance may elect to participate in the Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP) for up to 36 months and defer the receipt of benefits. Upon commencement of participation in the Plan, active membership in LACRF terminates and the participant's contributions cease; however, employer contributions continue. Compensation and creditable service remain as they existed on the effective date of commencement of participation in the Plan.

The monthly retirement benefits that would have been payable, had the member elected to cease employment and receive a service retirement allowance, are paid into the Deferred Retirement Option Plan account.

Upon termination of employment at the end of the specified period of participation, a participant in the program may receive, at his option, a lump sum payment from LACRF. If employment is not terminated at the end of the participation period, payments into the account cease and the member resumes active contributing membership in LACRF. Interest is paid on DROP account balances for members who complete their DROP participation but do not terminate employment. Interest accruals cease upon termination of employment. Upon termination, the member receives a lump sum payment from the DROP fund equal to the payments made to that fund on his behalf or a true annuity based on his account (subject to approval by the Board of Trustees). The monthly benefit payments that were being paid into the DROP fund are paid to the retiree and an additional benefit based on his additional service rendered since termination of DROP participation is calculated using the normal method of benefit computation.

The average compensation used to calculate the additional benefit is that used to calculate the original benefit unless his period of additional service is at least 36 months. In no event can the entire monthly benefit amount paid to the retiree exceed 100% of the average compensation used to compute the additional benefit. If a participant dies during the period of participation in the program, a lump sum payment equal to his account balance is paid to his named beneficiary or, if none, to his estate.

Deferred Retirement Benefits - LSERS:

Members of LSERS may elect to participate in the Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP) and defer the receipt of benefits. The election may be made only one time and the duration is limited to three years. Once an option has been selected, no change is permitted. Upon the effective date of the commencement of participation in the DROP Plan, active membership in the regular retirement plan of the System terminates. Average compensation and

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Deferred Retirement Benefits - LSERS: (Continued)

creditable service remain as they existed on the effective date of commencement of participation in the System. The monthly retirement benefits, that would have been payable had the person elected to cease employment and receive a service retirement allowance, are paid into the Deferred Retirement Option Plan Fund Account.

Members of LSERS may elect to participate in the Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP) and defer the receipt of benefits. The election may be made only one time and the duration is limited to three years. Once an option has been selected, no change is permitted. Upon the effective date of the commencement of participation in the DROP Plan, active membership in the regular retirement plan of the System terminates. Average compensation and creditable service remain as they existed on the effective date of commencement of participation in the System. The monthly retirement benefits, that would have been payable had the person elected to cease employment and receive a service retirement allowance, are paid into the Deferred Retirement Option Plan Fund Account.

LSERS maintains subaccounts within this account reflecting the credits attributed to each participant in the DROP program. Interest credited and payments from the DROP account are made in accordance with Louisiana Revised Statutes 11:1152(F)(3). Upon termination of participation in both the DROP program and employment, a participant may receive his DROP monies either in a lump sum payment from the account or systematic disbursements.

LSERS also provides for deferred benefits for vested members who terminate before being eligible for retirement. Once the member reaches the appropriate age for retirement benefits, they become payable.

Effective January 1, 1996, the state legislature authorized the System to establish an Initial Benefit Retirement Plan (IBRP) program. IBRP is available to members who have not participated in DROP and who select the maximum benefit, Option 2 benefit, Option 3 benefit, or Option 4 benefit. Thereafter, these members are ineligible to participate in the DROP. The IBRP program provides both a one-time single sum payment of up to 36 months of a regular monthly retirement benefit, plus a reduced monthly retirement benefit for life. Interest credited and payments from IBRP account are made in accordance with Louisiana Revised Statutes 11:1152(F)(3).

Disability Benefits - LASERS:

Generally, active members with 10 or more years of credited service who become disabled may receive a maximum disability retirement benefit equivalent to the regular retirement formula without reduction by reason of age.

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Disability Benefits - LASERS: (Continued)

Upon reaching age 60, the disability retiree may receive a regular retirement benefit by making application to the Board of Trustees.

For injuries sustained in the line of duty, hazardous duty personnel in the Hazardous Duty Services Plan will receive a disability benefit equal to 75% of final average compensation.

Members of the Harbor Police Retirement System who become disabled may receive a non-line of duty disability benefit after five years or more of credited service. Members age 55 or older may receive a disability benefit equivalent to the regular retirement benefit. Under age 55, the disability benefit is equal to 40% of final average compensation. Line of duty disability benefits are equal to 60% of final average compensation, regardless of years of credited service. If the disability benefit retiree is permanently confined to a wheelchair, or, is an amputee incapable of serving as a law enforcement officer, or the benefit is permanently legally binding, there is no reduction to the benefit if the retiree becomes gainfully employed.

Disability Benefits - TRSL:

Active members of TRSL whose first employment makes them eligible for membership in a Louisiana state retirement system before January 1, 2011, and who have five or more years of service credit, are eligible for disability retirement benefits if certified by the State Medical Disability Board (SMDB) to be disabled from performing their job. All other members must have at least 10 years of service to be eligible for a disability benefit. Calculation of the disability benefit as well as the availability of a minor child benefit is determined by the plan to which the member belongs and the date on which the member's first employment made them eligible for membership in a Louisiana state retirement system.

Disability Benefits - LACRF:

Effective through June 30, 2008, a member who has been officially certified as totally and permanently disabled by the State Medical Disability Board shall be paid disability retirement benefits determined and computed as follows:

- (a) A member who is totally and permanently disabled solely as the result of injuries sustained in the performance of his official duties shall be paid monthly benefits equal to the greater of one-half of his monthly average final compensation or, at the option of the disability retiree, 2.5% of his monthly average final compensation multiplied by the number of his years of credited service; however, such monthly benefit shall not exceed \$25 for each year of his credited service or two-thirds of his monthly average final compensation, whichever is less.

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Benefits Provided: (Continued)

Disability Benefits - LACRF: (Continued)

- (b) A member who has 10 or more years of credited service and who is totally and permanently disabled due to any cause not the result of injuries sustained in the performance of his official duties shall be paid monthly benefits equal to 3% of his monthly average final compensation multiplied by the number of his years of credited service; however, such monthly benefit shall not exceed \$35 for each year of his credited service or 80% of his monthly average final compensation, whichever is less.

The following is effective for any disability retiree whose application for disability retirement is approved on or after July 1, 2008. The provisions related to the calculation of benefits will apply to any disability retiree whose application for disability retirement was approved before July 1, 2008, for benefits due and payable on or after July 1, 2008.

A member is eligible to receive disability retirement benefits from LACRF if he or she is certified to be totally and permanently disabled pursuant to R.S. 11:218 and one of the following applies:

- (a) The member's disability was caused solely as a result of injuries sustained in the performance of their official duties.
- (b) The member has at least 10 years of service credit.

A member who has been certified as totally and permanently disabled will be paid monthly disability retirement benefits equal to the greater of:

- (a) Forty percent of their monthly average final compensation.
- (b) Seventy-five percent of their monthly regular retirement benefit computed pursuant to R.S. 11:1521(c).

A member leaving covered employment before attaining early retirement age but after completing 12 years of credited service becomes eligible for a deferred allowance provided the member lives to the minimum service retirement age and does not withdraw his or her accumulated contributions.

Disability Benefits - LSERS:

A member is eligible to retire and receive disability benefits if he has at least five years of creditable service, is not eligible for normal retirement and has become totally and permanently disabled, and is certified as disabled by the Medical Board.

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Benefits Provided: (Continued)

Disability Benefits - LSERS: (Continued)

A vested person with 20 or more years of creditable service is eligible for a disability benefit until normal retirement age. A member who joins LSERS on or after July 1, 2006, must have at least 10 years of service to qualify for disability benefits.

Survivor's Benefits - LASERS:

Certain eligible surviving dependents receive benefits based on the deceased member's compensation and their relationship to the deceased. The deceased regular member hired before January 1, 2011 who was in state service at the time of death must have a minimum of five years of service credit, at least two of which were earned immediately prior to death, or who had a minimum of 20 years of service credit regardless of when earned in order for a benefit to be paid to a minor or handicapped child. Benefits are payable to an unmarried child until age 18 or age 23 if the child remains a full-time student. The aforementioned minimum service credit requirement is 10 years for a surviving spouse with no minor children, and benefits are to be paid for life to the spouse or qualified handicapped child.

The deceased regular member hired on or after January 1, 2011, must have a minimum of five years of service credit regardless of when earned in order for a benefit to be paid to a minor child. The aforementioned minimum service credit requirements for a surviving spouse are 10 years, two years being earned immediately prior to death, and active state service at the time of death, or a minimum of 20 years of service credit regardless of when earned. A deceased member's spouse must have been married for at least one year before death.

Non-line of duty survivor benefits of the Harbor Police Retirement System may be received after a minimum of five years of credited service. Survivor benefits paid to a surviving spouse without children are equal to 40% of final average compensation, and cease upon remarriage. Surviving spouse with children under 18 benefits are equal to 60% of final average compensation and cease upon remarriage and children turning 18. No minimum service credit is required for line of duty survivor benefits which are equal to 60% of final average compensation to surviving spouse, regardless of children. Line of duty survivor benefits cease upon remarriage, and then benefit is paid to children under 18.

Survivor's Benefits - TRSL:

A surviving spouse with minor children of a deceased active member with at least five years of creditable service (two years immediately prior to death) but less than 10 years of creditable service is entitled to a benefit equal to the greater of (a) \$600 per month, or (b) 50% of the member's benefit calculated at the 2.5% accrual rate for all creditable service. When a minor child(ren) is no longer eligible to receive survivor benefits, the surviving spouse's benefit ceases.

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Benefits Provided: (Continued)

Survivor's Benefits - TRSL: (Continued)

A surviving spouse with minor children of a deceased active member with at least 10 years of creditable service (two years immediately prior to death) or 20 years of creditable service (regardless when earned) is entitled to a benefit equal to the greater of (a) \$600 per month, or (b) the Option 2 equivalent of the benefit calculated at the 2.5% benefit factor for all creditable service. If a surviving spouse remarries before the age of 55 and the deceased active member had less than 20 years of creditable service, the surviving spouse's benefit will cease.

Each minor child (maximum of two) shall receive an amount equal to the greater of (a) 50% of the spouse's benefit, or (b) \$300 (up to two eligible children). Benefits to minors cease at attainment of age 21, marriage, or age 23 if enrolled in an approved institution of higher education.

A surviving spouse without minor children of a deceased active member with at least 10 years of creditable service (two years immediately prior to death) or 20 years of creditable service (regardless when earned) is entitled to a benefit equal to the greater of (a) \$600 per month, or (b) the Option 2 equivalent of the benefit calculated at the 2.5% benefit factor for all creditable service. If a surviving spouse remarries before the age of 55 and the deceased active member had less than 20 years of creditable service, the surviving spouse's benefit will cease.

Survivor's Benefits - LACRF:

If a member who has less than five years of credited service dies, his accumulated contributions are paid to his designated beneficiary. If the member has five or more years of credited service, automatic Option 2 benefits are payable to the surviving spouse. These benefits are based on the retirement benefits accrued at the member's date of death with option factors used as if the member had continued in service to earliest normal retirement age. Benefit payments are to commence on the date a member would have first become eligible for normal retirement assuming continued service until that time. In lieu of a deferred survivor benefit, the surviving spouse may elect benefits payable immediately with benefits reduced $\frac{1}{4}$ of 1% for each month by which payments commence in advance of member's earliest normal retirement age. If a member has no surviving spouse, the surviving minor children under 18 or disabled children shall be paid $\frac{1}{2}$ of the member's accrued retirement benefit in equal shares. Upon the death of any former member with 12 or more years of service, automatic Option 2 benefits are payable to the surviving spouse with payments to commence on the member's retirement eligibility date. In lieu of periodic payments, the surviving spouse or children may receive a refund of the member's accumulated contributions.

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Benefits Provided: (Continued)

Survivor's Benefits - LSERS:

Upon the death of a member with five or more years of creditable service, LSERS provides benefits for surviving spouses and minor children. Under certain conditions outlined in the statutes, a spouse is entitled to 75% of the member's benefit.

Permanent Benefit Increases/Cost-of-Living Adjustments – LASERS and TRSL:

As fully described in Title 11 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes, LASERS and TRSL allow for the payment of permanent benefit increases, also known as cost-of-living adjustments (COLAs), that are funded through investment earnings when recommended by the Board of Trustees and approved by the state legislature.

Permanent Benefit Increases/Cost-of-Living Adjustments – LACRF:

The Board of Trustees is authorized to provide a cost of living increase to members who have been retired for at least one full calendar year. The increase cannot exceed the lesser of 2.5% of the retiree's benefit or an increase of forty dollars per month. The Louisiana statutes allow the Board to grant an additional cost of living increase to all retirees and beneficiaries over age 65 equal to 2% of the benefit paid on October 1, 1977 or the member's retirement date, if later.

In lieu of granting a cost of living increase as described above, Louisiana statutes allow the board to grant a cost of living increase where the benefits shall be calculated using the number of years of service at retirement or at death plus the number of years since retirement or death multiplied by the cost of living amount which cannot exceed \$1. In order to grant any cost-of-living increase the LACRF must meet criteria as detailed in the Louisiana statutes related to funding status.

Contributions:

Employee contribution rates are established by La. R.S. 11:62. The employer contribution rates are established annually under La. R.S. 11:101-11:104 by the Public Retirement Systems' Actuarial Committee (PRSAC), taking into consideration the recommendation of the system's actuary. Each plan pays a separate actuarially-determined employer contribution rate. However, all assets of each plan are used for the payment of benefits for all classes of members within each system, regardless of their plan membership.

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Contributions: (Continued)

Employer contributions to LASERS, TRSL, LACRF, and LSERS were \$3,750,510, \$29,062, \$21,085, and \$-0-, respectively, for the year ended June 30, 2017. Contribution rates for the year ended June 30, 2017, are as follows:

LASERS:

<u>Plan</u>	<u>Plan Status</u>	<u>Employee Contribution Rate</u>	<u>Employer Contribution Rate</u>
Appellate Law Clerks	Closed	7.50%	35.80%
Appellate Law Clerks hired on or after 07/01/06	Open	8.00%	35.80%
Alcohol Tobacco Control	Closed	9.00%	30.70%
Bridge Police	Closed	8.50%	34.20%
Bridge Police hired on or after 07/01/06	Closed	8.50%	34.20%
Corrections Primary	Closed	9.00%	31.10%
Corrections Secondary	Closed	9.00%	35.30%
Harbor Police	Closed	9.00%	4.00%
Hazardous Duty	Open	9.50%	36.10%
Judges hired before 01/01/11	Closed	11.50%	38.00%
Judges hired after 12/31/10	Closed	13.00%	36.70%
Judges hired on or after 07/01/15	Open	13.00%	36.70%
Legislators	Closed	11.50%	39.10%
Optional Retirement Plan (ORP) before 07/01/06*	Closed	7.50%	35.80%
Optional Retirement Plan (ORP) on or after 07/01/06*	Closed	8.00%	35.80%
Peace Officers	Closed	9.00%	34.30%
Regular Employees hired before 07/01/06	Closed	7.50%	35.80%
Regular Employees hired on or after 07/01/06	Closed	8.00%	35.80%
Regular Employees hired on or after 01/01/11	Closed	8.00%	35.80%
Regular Employees hired on or after 07/01/15	Open	8.00%	35.80%
Special Legislative Employees	Closed	9.50%	41.10%
Wildlife Agents	Closed	9.50%	44.80%

*For ORP, the projected employer contribution effort was calculated using the shared UAL portion of the contribution rate of 31.77% for 2017.

All House of Representatives employees who are members of LASERS are in one of the Regular Plans and contributions are made at the applicable rates based on their hire date.

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Contributions: (Continued)

TRSL:

<u>Plan</u>	<u>Employee Contribution Rate</u>	<u>Employer Contribution Rate</u>
Regular Plan (K-12 Teachers)	8.0%	25.5%
Regular Plan (Higher Ed)	8.0%	24.4%
Lunch Plan A	9.1%	30.7%
Lunch Plan B	5.0%	28.2%

<u>Optional Retirement Plan</u>	<u>Contribution Rate</u>
Employee	8.0%
Employer - Normal	6.2%
Employer - UAL	21.2%

The normal cost portion of each plan's employer contribution rate varies based upon that plan's benefits, member demographics, and the rate contributed by employees. The Unfunded Accrued Liability (UAL) contribution rate is determined in aggregate for all plans. The UAL resulting from legislation specific to a plan or group of plans will be allocated entirely to that plan or those plans.

For the ORP, only the UAL portion of the employer contribution is retained by the plan. Therefore, only the UAL projected rates were used in the projection of future contributions in determining an employer's proportionate share. R.S. 11:927 sets the contribution requirements of the ORP plan members and the employer equal to the contribution rates established for the regular retirement plan of TRSL. However, effective July 1, 2014, the employer contribution rate for amounts credited to the ORP participants who are not employed in higher education must be the greater of: (1) the employer normal cost contribution for the TRSL Regular Plan; or (2) 6.2%.

All House of Representatives employees who are members of TRSL are in the Regular Plan (K-12 Teachers) and contributions are made at the applicable rates.

LACRF:

According to state statute, contribution requirements for all employers are actuarially determined each year. For the year ending June 30, 2017, the actual employer contribution rate was 19.00%. For the year ended June 30, 2017, the actuarially determined employer contribution rate was 17.27%. The actual rate differs from the actuarially required rate due to state statutes that require the contribution rate be calculated and set two years prior to the year effective. The employee contribution rate was 8.25% for the year ended June 30, 2017.

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Contributions: (Continued)

LSERS:

Contribution requirements of active employees are governed by Act 81 of 1988 and may be amended by the Louisiana Legislature. Members are required by state statute to contribute 7.5% of their annual covered salaries if hired before July 1, 2010 (closed plan) and 8.0% of their annual covered salaries if hired on or after July 1, 2010, and the employer is required to make contributions based on an actuarially determined rate. The employer contribution rate for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017, was 27.3% of annual covered payroll.

Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions:

At June 30, 2017, the House of Representatives reported a liability for LASERS, TRSL, LACRF, and LSERS of \$41,354,600, \$298,824, \$346,609, and \$50,104, respectively, for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liabilities were measured as of June 30, 2016, and the total pension liabilities used to calculate the net pension liability were determined by actuarial valuations as of that date. The House of Representatives' proportion of the net pension liability for each retirement system was based on a projection of the House of Representatives' long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating employers, actuarially determined. At June 30, 2016, the House of Representatives' proportion for LASERS, TRSL, LACRF, and LSERS was 0.52664%, 0.00255%, 0.187359%, and 0.006642%, respectively. This reflects an increase for LASERS, a decrease for TRSL, an increase for LACRF, and a decrease for LSERS of 0.02234%, 0.00141%, 0.011348%, and 0.004751%, respectively, from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2015.

For the year ended June 30, 2017, the House of Representatives recognized pension expense, for which there were no forfeitures, as follows:

	Pension Expense
LASERS	\$ 5,580,333
TRSL	75,861
LACRF	55,213
LSERS	(2,642)
Total	<u>\$ 5,708,765</u>

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Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions: (Continued)

At June 30, 2017, the House of Representatives reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources				Total
	LASERS	TRSL	LACRF	LSERS	
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 23,942	\$ -	\$ 3,537	\$ -	\$ 27,479
Changes of assumptions	-	-	21,347	1,187	22,534
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	5,150,787	21,754	59,802	6,347	5,238,690
Changes in proportion and differences between employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions	1,065,427	182,540	17,655	1,260	1,266,882
Employer contributions subsequent to the measurement date	3,750,510	29,062	21,085	-	3,800,657
Total	<u>\$ 9,990,666</u>	<u>\$ 233,356</u>	<u>\$ 123,426</u>	<u>\$ 8,794</u>	<u>\$ 10,356,242</u>

	Deferred Inflows of Resources				Total
	LASERS	TRSL	LACRF	LSERS	
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 383,548	\$ 5,900	\$ 11,798	\$ 1,367	\$ 402,613
Changes of assumptions	-	-	-	1,324	1,324
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	-	-	-	-	-
Changes in proportion and differences between employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions	214,887	116,168	770	21,697	353,522
Employer contributions subsequent to the measurement date	-	-	-	-	-
Total	<u>\$ 598,435</u>	<u>\$ 122,068</u>	<u>\$ 12,568</u>	<u>\$ 24,388</u>	<u>\$ 757,459</u>

During the year ended June 30, 2017, employer contributions totaling \$3,750,510, \$29,062, \$21,085, and \$-0- were made subsequent to the measurement date for LASERS, TRSL, LACRF, and LSERS, respectively. These contributions are reported as deferred outflows of resources and will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2018. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pension expense will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

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Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions: (Continued)

	<u>LASERS</u>	<u>TRSL</u>	<u>LACRF</u>	<u>LSERS</u>
Year ending June 30:				
2018	\$ 1,110,199	\$ 45,976	\$ 20,381	\$ (9,597)
2019	1,301,145	45,973	20,381	(10,693)
2020	2,001,700	14,191	29,284	2,868
2021	1,228,677	(23,914)	19,727	1,828
Total	<u>\$ 5,641,721</u>	<u>\$ 82,226</u>	<u>\$ 89,773</u>	<u>\$ (15,594)</u>

Actuarial Assumptions:

The total pension liabilities for LASERS, TRSL, LACRF, and LSERS in the June 30, 2016, actuarial valuations were determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurements:

	LASERS	TRSL
Actuarial cost method	Entry Age Normal	Entry Age Normal
Amortization approach	Closed	Closed
Actuarial assumptions:		
Expected Remaining Service Lives	3 years	5 years
Investment rate of return	7.75% per annum	7.75%, net of investment expenses
Inflation rate	3.0% per annum	2.5% per annum
Projected salary increases	Salary increases were projected based on a 2009-2013 experience study of the System's members. The salary increases for specific types of members range from 3.0% to 14.5%.	3.50% - 10.0%, varies depending on duration of service
Cost-of-living adjustments	None, since they are not deemed to be substantively automatic.	None, since they are not deemed to be substantively automatic.
Mortality	Non-disabled members - Mortality rates based on the RP-2000 Combined Healthy Mortality Table with mortality improvement projected to 2015. Disabled members - Mortality rates based on the RP-2000 Disabled Retiree Mortality Table, with no projection for mortality improvement.	Mortality rates were projected based on the RP-2000 Mortality Table with projection to 2025 using Scale AA for both non-disabled and disabled members.
Termination and disability	Termination, disability, and retirement assumptions were projected based on a five-year (2009-2013) experience study of the System's members.	Termination, disability, and retirement assumptions were projected based on a five year (2008-2012) experience study of the System's members.

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Actuarial Assumptions: (Continued)

	LACRF	LSERS
Actuarial cost method	Entry Age Normal	Entry Age Normal
Actuarial assumptions:		
Expected Remaining Service Lives	5 years	3 years
Investment rate of return	7.00% per annum	7.125% per annum
Inflation rate	2.50% per annum	2.625% per annum
Projected salary increases	Salary increases were projected based on a 2009-2014 experience study of the System's members. The salary increases for specific types of members are 5.0%.	Salary increases were projected based on a 2008-2012 experience study of the System's members. The salary increases for specific types of members range from 3.075% to 5.375%.
Cost-of-living adjustments	None, since they are not deemed to be substantively automatic.	None, since they are not deemed to be substantively automatic.
Mortality	Mortality rates based on the RP-2000 Employee Table (set back 4 years for males and 3 years for females), the RP-2000 Disabled Lives Mortality Table (set back 5 years for males and 3 years for females), and the RP-2000 Healthy Annuitant Table (set forward 1 year for males).	Mortality rates were projected based on the RP-2000 Combined Healthy Sex Distinct Mortality Table.

For LASERS, TRSL, and LACRF the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation and an adjustment for the effect of rebalancing/diversification. The resulting expected long-term rates of return for LASERS, TRSL, and LACRF are 8.72%, 8.23%, and 7.20%, respectively. The target allocation and best estimates of geometric (LASERS) and arithmetic (TRSL) real rates of return for each major asset class included in the pension plan's target asset allocation as of June 30, 2016, are summarized in the following table:

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Actuarial Assumptions: (Continued)

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>		<u>Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return</u>	
	<u>LASERS</u>	<u>TRSL</u>	<u>LASERS</u>	<u>TRSL</u>
Cash	0%		-0.24%	
Domestic equity	25%	31%	4.31%	4.50%
International equity	32%	19%	5.48%	5.31%
Domestic fixed income	8%	14%	1.63%	2.45%
International fixed income	6%	7%	2.47%	3.28%
Alternative investments	22%	29%	7.42%	
Private equity				6.80%
Other private assets				4.82%
Global tactical asset allocation	7%		2.92%	
Total	<u>100%</u>	<u>100%</u>	5.30%	

The best estimates of geometric real rates of return for each major asset class included in LACRF's target asset allocation as of June 30, 2016, is summarized in the following table:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>	<u>Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return</u>
Fixed income:		
Core fixed income	5.0%	1.00%
Core plus fixed income	15.0%	1.50%
Domestic equity:		
Large cap domestic equity	21.0%	4.25%
Non-large cap domestic equity	7.0%	4.00%
International equity:		
Large cap international equity	15.5%	5.25%
Small cap international equity	5.0%	5.00%
Emerging markets	6.5%	7.25%
Real estate	10.0%	4.75%
Master limited partnerships	5.0%	6.50%
Hedge funds	10.0%	3.50%
Total	<u>100.0%</u>	

For LSERS, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a triangulation method which integrated the CAPM pricing model (top-down), a treasury yield curve approach (bottom-up), and an equity building-block model (bottom-up). Risk return and correlations are projected on a forward looking basis in equilibrium, in which best-estimates of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class.

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Actuarial Assumptions: (Continued)

These rates are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation.

Best estimates of geometric real rates of return for each major asset class included in LSERS' target asset allocation as of June 30, 2016, is summarized in the following table

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>	<u>Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return</u>
Fixed income	30%	1.82%
Equity	51%	3.10%
Alternatives	13%	0.79%
Real assets	6%	0.36%
Total	100%	6.07%

Discount Rates:

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability for LASERS, TRSL, LACRF, and LSERS was 7.75%, 7.75%, 7.00%, and 7.125%, respectively. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that employee contributions will be made at the current contribution rate and that employer contributions from participating employers will be made at contractually required rates, actuarially determined. Based on those assumptions, the pension plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current active and inactive 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.

Sensitivity of the Employer's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rates:

The following presents the employer's proportionate share of the net pension liability using the discount rate of 7.75%, 7.75%, 7.00%, and 7.125% for LASERS, TRSL, LACRF, and LSERS, respectively, as well as what the employer's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage-point lower (6.75%, 6.75%, 6.00%, and 6.125% for LASERS, TRSL, LACRF, and LSERS, respectively) or one percentage-point higher (8.75%, 8.75%, 8.00%, and 8.125% for LASERS, TRSL, LACRF and LSERS, respectively) than the current rate:

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Sensitivity of the Employer's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rates: (Continued)

	1.0% Decrease 6.75%	Current Discount Rate 7.75%	1.0% Increase 8.75%
LASERS	\$ 50,807,954	\$ 41,354,600	\$ 33,322,213
TRSL	372,725	298,824	235,939
	1.0% Decrease 6.00%	Current Discount Rate 7.00%	1.0% Increase 8.00%
LACRF	493,219	346,609	222,167
	1.0% Decrease 6.125%	Current Discount Rate 7.125%	1.0% Increase 8.125%
LSERS	65,772	50,104	36,680
Total	\$ 51,739,670	\$ 42,050,137	\$ 33,816,999

Support of Non-employer Contributing Entities:

Contributions received by a pension plan from non-employer contributing entities that are not in a special funding situation are recorded as revenue by the respective pension plan. The House of Representatives recognizes revenue in an amount equal to its proportionate share of the total contributions to the pension plan from these non-employer contributing entities. During the year ended June 30, 2017, the House of Representatives recognized revenue as a result of support received from non-employer contributing entities of \$972 and \$19,653 for its participation in TRSL and LACRF, respectively. LASERS and LSERS do not receive support from non-employer contributing entities and, as a result, no revenue was recorded for the participation in LASERS or LSERS for the year ended June 30, 2017.

Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position:

Detailed information about the pension plans' fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued LASERS, TRSL, LACRF, and LSERS 2016 Comprehensive Annual Financial Reports at www.lasersonline.org, www.trsl.org, www.laclerksofcourt.org, and www.lasers.net, respectively.

Payables to the Pension Plans:

At June 30, 2017, payables to LASERS, TRSL, LACRF, and LSERS were \$643,371, \$5,311, \$-0-, and \$-0-, respectively, for June 2017 employee and employer legally required contributions.

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5. POSTEMPLOYMENT HEALTH CARE AND LIFE INSURANCE BENEFITS:

Substantially, all House employees become eligible for postemployment health care and life insurance benefits if they reach normal retirement age while working for the House. The House of Representatives, State of Louisiana, offers its employees the opportunity to participate in one of two medical coverage plans. One plan is from the state's Office of Group Benefits (OGB) which also offers a life insurance plan, and the other is with the LSU System Health Plan. Information about each of these two plans is presented below.

PLAN DESCRIPTIONS:

LSU System Health Plan:

The House is one of a limited number of state agencies that may participate in the LSU System Health Plan. The state agency participation is not material and, as such, the plan is identified as a single-employer defined benefit healthcare plan that is not administered as a trust or equivalent arrangement.

The LSU System Health Plan originally began as a pilot program within the State Office of Group Benefits (OGB), the office that provides health benefits to state employees. The Health Plan offers eligible employees, retirees, and their beneficiaries the opportunity to participate in comprehensive health and preventive care coverage that gives members a unique, consumer-driven health-care approach to pay routine health expenses and provides coverage for major healthcare expenses. Within the Health Plan members have a choice of selecting LSU First Option 1 or LSU First Option 2. Option 1 is more costly but features both lower yearly deductibles and out-of-network coinsurance requirements.

The LSU System Health Plan selects claim and pharmaceutical administrators to administer its program. Both claim and pharmacy administrators are selected through a formal Request for Proposals process followed by negotiations between the System and qualified vendors.

The Health Plan does not issue a publicly available financial report, but it is included in the LSU System's audited Financial Report. The Financial Report may be obtained from the LSU System's website at <http://www.lsu.edu/>.

State OGB Plan:

The House of Representatives, State of Louisiana's employees may participate in the State of Louisiana's Other Postemployment Benefit Plan (OPEB Plan), a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit plan, but is classified as an agent multiple-employer defined benefit OPEB Plan for financial reporting purposes since the plan is not administered as a formal trust. The Office of Group Benefits administers the plan. The State OPEB Plan provides medical and life insurance to eligible active employees, retirees, and their

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5. POSTEMPLOYMENT HEALTH CARE AND LIFE INSURANCE BENEFITS: (Continued)

PLAN DESCRIPTIONS: (Continued)

State OGB Plan: (Continued)

beneficiaries. R.S. 42:801-883 assigns the authority to establish and amend benefit provisions of the plan. The Office of Group Benefits does not issue a publicly available financial report of the OPEB Plan; however, it is included in the State of Louisiana Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). You may obtain a copy of the CAFR on the Office of Statewide Reporting and Accounting Policy's website at www.doa.la.gov/Pages/osrap/Index.asp.

FUNDING POLICIES:

LSU System Health Plan:

While actuarially determined, the plan rates must be approved by OGB under R.S. 42:851(b). Plan rates are in effect for one year and members have the opportunity to switch providers during the open enrollment period which usually occurs in October.

The plan is financed on a pay-as-you-go basis. The pay-as-you-go expense is the net expected cost of providing retiree benefits. This expense includes all expected claims and related expenses and is offset by retiree contributions. Employees do not contribute to their postemployment benefits cost until they become retirees and begin receiving those benefits. The retirees contribute to the cost of retiree healthcare based on a service schedule.

Depending upon the option selected, during the year ended June 30, 2017, employee premiums for a single member receiving benefits range from \$87 to \$101 per month for coverage with Medicare or from \$150 to \$168 per month for coverage without Medicare. The premiums for the year ended June 30, 2017, for a retiree and spouse range from \$155 to \$358 per month for those with Medicare or from \$422 to \$485 per month for those without Medicare.

The House of Representatives, State of Louisiana, contributed anywhere from \$261 to \$302 per month for retiree-only coverage with Medicare or from \$1,052 to \$1,080 per month for retiree-only coverage without Medicare during the year ended June 30, 2017. Also, the House of Representatives' contributions ranged from \$465 to \$1,073 per month for retiree and spouse with Medicare or \$1,658 for retiree and spouse without Medicare.

State OGB Plan:

The contribution requirements of plan members and the House of Representatives, State of Louisiana, are established and may be amended by R.S. 42:801-883. Employees do not contribute to their postemployment benefits cost until they become retirees and begin receiving those benefits. The retirees contribute to the cost of retiree healthcare based on a service schedule.

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5. POSTEMPLOYMENT HEALTH CARE AND LIFE INSURANCE BENEFITS: (Continued)

FUNDING POLICIES: (Continued)

State OGB Plan: (Continued)

Contribution amounts vary depending on what healthcare provider is selected from the plan and if the member has Medicare coverage. OGB offer several standard healthcare plans for both active and retired employees. In addition, retired employees who have Medicare Part A and Part B coverage also have access to Medicare Advantage plans which are offered on a calendar year basis.

Depending upon the plan selected, during fiscal year 2017, total monthly premiums for a single member receiving benefits range from \$64 to \$106 per month for employee-only coverage with Medicare or from \$106 to \$176 per month for employee-only coverage without Medicare. The premiums for an employee and spouse for the year ended June 30, 2017, range from \$115 to \$393 per month for those with Medicare or from \$343 to \$570 per month for those without Medicare.

The plan is currently financed on a pay-as-you-go basis, with the House of Representatives contributing anywhere from \$192 to \$319 per month for retiree-only coverage with Medicare or from \$680 to \$1,131 per month for retiree-only coverage without Medicare during fiscal year 2017. Also, the House of Representatives, State of Louisiana, contributions range from \$344 to \$1,178 per month for retiree and spouse with Medicare or \$1,044 to \$1,737 for retiree and spouse without Medicare during the year ended June 30, 2017.

OGB also provides eligible retirees Basic Term Life, Basic Plus Supplemental Term Life, Dependent Term Life, and Employee Accidental Death and Dismemberment coverage, which is underwritten by The Prudential Insurance Company of America. The total monthly premium is approximately \$1.08 per thousand dollars of coverage of which the employer pays approximately one half of the premium. Maximum coverage is capped at \$50,000 with a reduction formula of 25% at age 65 and 50% at age 70, with accidental death & dismemberment coverage ceasing at age 70 for retirees. Spouse life insurance is available.

ANNUAL OPEB COST:

The House of Representatives, State of Louisiana's Annual Required Contribution (ARC) is an amount actuarially determined in accordance with GASB Statement 45. The ARC represents a level of funding that, if paid on an ongoing basis, would cover normal cost each year and amortize any unfunded actuarial liabilities over a period not to exceed thirty years. A level percentage of payroll amortization method, open period, was used. The total ARC for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, was \$3,075,219.

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5. POSTEMPLOYMENT HEALTH CARE AND LIFE INSURANCE BENEFITS: (Continued)

ANNUAL OPEB COST: (Continued)

The following table presents the House of Representatives, State of Louisiana's OPEB obligation for the year ended June 30, 2017. The table shows the components of each plan's annual OPEB cost for the year ended June 30, 2017, the amount actually contributed to the plan, and changes in the plan's net OPEB obligation to the retiree health plan:

	Office of Group <u>Benefits Plan</u>	LSU System <u>Health Plan</u>	<u>Total</u>
Annual required contribution	\$ 266,549	\$ 2,808,670	\$ 3,075,219
Interest on net OPEB obligation	179,177	452,978	632,155
ARC adjustment	<u>(175,439)</u>	<u>(443,530)</u>	<u>(618,969)</u>
Annual OPEB cost	270,287	2,818,118	3,088,405
Contributions made	<u>(177,967)</u>	<u>(638,213)</u>	<u>(816,180)</u>
Increase in net OPEB obligation	92,320	2,179,905	2,272,225
Beginning net OPEB obligation	<u>4,715,176</u>	<u>11,920,467</u>	<u>16,635,643</u>
Ending net OPEB obligation	<u>\$ 4,807,496</u>	<u>\$ 14,100,372</u>	<u>\$ 18,907,868</u>

The House's annual OPEB cost, the percentage of annual OPEB cost contributed to the plans, and the net OPEB obligation for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017, and the two preceding fiscal years were as follows:

<u>Fiscal Year Ended</u>	<u>Annual OPEB Cost</u>	<u>Percentage of Annual OPEB Cost Contributed</u>	<u>Net OPEB Obligation</u>
<u>State OGB Plan</u>			
June 30, 2017	\$ 270,287	65.84%	\$ 4,807,496
June 30, 2016	\$ 604,773	29.90%	\$ 4,715,176
June 30, 2015	\$ 586,049	40.60%	\$ 4,291,237
<u>LSU System Plan</u>			
June 30, 2017	\$ 2,818,118	22.65%	\$ 14,100,372
June 30, 2016	\$ 2,080,790	28.93%	\$ 11,920,467
June 30, 2015	\$ 1,972,362	24.81%	\$ 10,441,561

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5. POSTEMPLOYMENT HEALTH CARE AND LIFE INSURANCE BENEFITS: (Continued)

FUNDED STATUS AND FUNDING PROGRESS:

Act 910 of the 2008 Regular Session established the Postemployment Benefits Trust Fund effective July 1, 2008; however, neither the House of Representatives, nor the State of Louisiana have made contributions to it. Since no contributions have been made, the House of Representatives, State of Louisiana's entire actuarial accrued liability of \$3,867,873 for the OGB Plan was unfunded. The LSU System Health Plan does not use a trust fund to administer the financing of the plan and the payment of benefits.

The funded status of the plan, as determined by an actuary as of July 1, 2016, was as follows:

	<u>Office of Group Benefits</u>	<u>LSU System Health Plan</u>
Actuarial accrued liability (AAL)	\$ 3,867,873	\$ 32,177,440
Actuarial value of plan assets	-	-
Unfunded actuarial accrued liability (UAAL)	<u>\$ 3,867,873</u>	<u>\$ 32,177,440</u>
Funded ratio (actuarial value of plan assets/AAL)	0%	0%
Covered payroll (annual payroll of active employees covered by the plans)	\$ 1,077,953	\$ 14,407,227
UAAL as a percentage of covered payroll	358.82%	223.34%

ACTUARIAL METHODS AND ASSUMPTIONS:

Actuarial valuations of an ongoing plan involve estimates of the value of reported amounts and assumptions about the probability of occurrence of events far into the future. Examples include assumptions about future employment, mortality, and the healthcare cost trend. Amounts determined regarding the funded status of the plan and the annual required contributions of the employer are subject to continual revision as actual results are compared with past expectations and new estimates are made about the future. The schedule of funding progress, presented as required supplementary information following the notes to the financial statements, presents multiyear trend information that shows whether the actuarial value of plan assets is increasing or decreasing over time relative to the actuarial accrued liabilities for benefits.

Projections of benefits for financial reporting purposes are based on the substantive plan (the plan as understood by the employer and plan members) and include the types of benefits provided at the time of each valuation and the historical pattern of sharing of benefit costs between the employer and plan members to that point. The actuarial methods and assumptions used include techniques that are designed to reduce short-term volatility in actuarial accrued liabilities consistent with the long-term perspective of the calculations.

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5. POSTEMPLOYMENT HEALTH CARE AND LIFE INSURANCE BENEFITS: (Continued)

ACTUARIAL METHODS AND ASSUMPTIONS: (Continued)

A summary of the actuarial assumptions is presented below:

	<u>LSU System Health Plan</u>	<u>State OGB Plan</u>
Actuarial valuation date	July 1, 2016	July 1, 2016
Actuarial cost method	Projected Unit Credit	Projected Unit Credit
Amortization method	Level percentage of payroll	Level percentage of payroll
Amortization period	30 years, open	30 years, open
Asset valuation method	None	None
Actuarial assumptions:		
Investment rate of return	3.80% annual rate	3.80% annual rate
Projected salary increases	3.00% per annum	3.00% per annum
Healthcare inflation rate	6.00 - 7.00%	6.00 - 7.00%
	4.50% ultimate	4.50% ultimate

6. LEASE AGREEMENTS:

During the year ended June 30, 2016, the House entered into a lease agreement with Canon Financial Services, Inc. for the lease of several copiers. The term of the lease agreement was for 60 months in the amount of \$4,795 per month. Future minimum lease payments under this non-cancelable operating lease as of June 30, 2017, are as follows:

<u>Year Ending</u>	<u>Lease Payments</u>
June 30, 2018	\$ 57,540
June 30, 2019	57,540
June 30, 2020	57,540
June 30, 2021	23,975
Total	<u>\$ 196,595</u>

Expenditures relating to this lease were \$67,552 for the year ended June 30, 2017.

The House of Representatives has operating leases for computer and office equipment on a month-to-month, as needed, basis.

The lease agreements have nonappropriation exculpatory clauses that allow for lease cancellation if the Louisiana Legislature does not make an appropriation for their continuation during any future fiscal period. Rental and lease expenditures totaled \$8,047 for the year ended June 30, 2017.

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7. INTERAGENCY TRANSFERS:

Amounts received from other governmental units for the year ended June 30, 2017, consist of the following:

	<u>Office Operations</u>	<u>Capital Outlay</u>	<u>Personnel Services</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legislative Budgetary				
Control Council	\$ 1,613,222	\$ 17,895	\$ 60,285	\$ 1,691,402
Other Agencies	-	-	89,056	89,056
Total	<u>\$ 1,613,222</u>	<u>\$ 17,895</u>	<u>\$ 149,341</u>	<u>\$ 1,780,458</u>

The amounts due from Legislative Budgetary Control Council and other agencies totaled \$85,504 at year-end.

8. OTHER COSTS:

The State of Louisiana, through other appropriations, provides office space, utilities, and janitorial services for the office facilities, all of which are not included in the accompanying financial statements.

9. LITIGATION, CLAIMS, AND SIMILAR CONTINGENCIES:

Losses arising from litigation, claims and similar contingencies are considered state liabilities and are paid by special appropriations made by the Louisiana Legislature. Any applicable litigation, claims and similar contingencies are not recognized in the accompanying financial statements.

At June 30, 2017, the House of Representatives was not involved in any lawsuits or threatened litigation.

10. CHANGES IN LONG-TERM LIABILITIES:

The following is a summary of the changes in the House of Representatives' long-term liabilities for the year ended June 30, 2017:

	Balance July 1, 2016	Additions	Deletions	Balance June 30, 2017	Amounts Due Within One Year
Compensated absences	\$ 1,626,815	\$ 143,430	\$ 160,349	\$ 1,609,896	\$ 85,442
Net pension liabilities	35,062,099	11,536,408	4,548,370	42,050,137	-
OPEB payable	16,635,643	3,088,405	816,180	18,907,868	-
Total long-term liabilities	<u>\$ 53,324,557</u>	<u>\$ 14,768,243</u>	<u>\$ 5,524,899</u>	<u>\$ 62,567,901</u>	<u>\$ 85,442</u>

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11. RISK MANAGEMENT:

The House of Representatives limits its exposure to risk of loss through the Office of Risk Management, a statewide insurance program. Through the payment of premiums to the program, the House of Representatives, State of Louisiana, transfers the risk of loss from theft, torts, damage to and destruction of assets, workers' compensation, errors and omissions, and natural disasters.

12. PROFESSIONAL SERVICES:

Professional services include the following professional fees:

Total Occupational Medicine	\$ 1,755
National Payment Corporation	1,811
Beurman, Miller, Fitzgerald, Inc.	15,000
DataPath Administrative Services	5,407
Breazeale, Saches, & Wilson, LLP	731
Michael Tidwell	4,839
Total professional services	<u>\$ 29,543</u>

13. FUND BALANCES:

As of June 30, 2017, the House has an unassigned fund balance of \$5,801,599. The fund balance also includes amounts classified as nonspendable, restricted, committed, and assigned for the following purposes:

	<u>General Fund</u>
Nonspendable:	
Inventory	\$ 64,443
Total nonspendable fund balance	<u>\$ 64,443</u>
Restricted:	
Future obligation on equipment lease	\$ 196,595
Total restricted fund balance	<u>\$ 196,595</u>
Committed:	
Pentagon account	\$ 200,785
Capitol Foundation account	371,997
Arts fund	8,011
Flexible Benefits account (net of liabilities)	32,427
Total committed fund balance	<u>\$ 613,220</u>
Assigned:	
Annex and basement renovations	\$ 575,000
Tower office renovations	750,000
Computer hardware and software upgrades	550,000
Committee room and chamber upgrades	900,000
Other postemployment benefits obligation	18,907,868
Compensated absences obligation	1,609,896
Total assigned fund balance	<u>\$ 23,292,764</u>

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14. RECLASSIFICATIONS:

Certain 2016 amounts have been reclassified to conform with the 2017 financial statement presentation.

15. PRIOR PERIOD ADJUSTMENT:

A prior period adjustment was made to adjust net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources, and deferred inflows of resources related to the House of Representatives' participation in the Louisiana Clerk of Court Retirement and Relief Fund (LACRF) and in the Louisiana School Employees' Retirement System (LSERS). As a result, the beginning net position as reflected in the Statement of Net Position has been restated to reflect the following adjustments:

	<u>Net Position</u>
Balance at June 30, 2016, previously reported	\$ (18,223,881)
Net Pension Liability Adjustments:	
Recognition of net pension liability related to participation in LACRF and LSERS	(336,268)
Recognition of deferred outflows of resources related to LACRF and LSERS net pension liability	80,201
Recognition of deferred inflows of resources related to LACRF and LSERS net pension liability	<u>(33,551)</u>
Balance at June 30, 2016, as restated	<u><u>\$ (18,513,499)</u></u>

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

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REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

	Actual Amounts			Budgeted Amounts		Variance with Final Budget
	GAAP to Budget			Original	Final	
	GAAP Basis	Differences Over (Under)	Budgetary Basis			
REVENUES:						
State appropriations	\$ 26,098,470	\$ -	\$ 26,098,470	\$ 28,998,300	\$ 28,998,300	\$ (2,899,830)
Interest	192,622	-	192,622	-	-	192,622
Other	225,629	-	225,629	-	-	225,629
Reappropriated fund balance (1)	-	30,464,976	(1) 30,464,976	30,464,976	30,464,976	-
Budget reduction (4)	-	-	-	-	(2,899,830)	2,899,830
Total revenues	<u>26,516,721</u>	<u>30,464,976</u>	<u>56,981,697</u>	<u>59,463,276</u>	<u>56,563,446</u>	<u>418,251</u>
EXPENDITURES:						
Personnel services	25,381,962	(28,205)	(2) 25,353,757	25,444,795	25,444,795	(91,038)
Travel	387,266	-	387,266	478,250	478,250	(90,984)
Supplies	221,746	-	221,746	461,100	461,100	(239,354)
Telephone, utilities, and building	359,145	-	359,145	628,480	628,480	(269,335)
Dues and subscriptions	3,160	-	3,160	7,625	7,625	(4,465)
Printing	123,505	-	123,505	681,000	681,000	(557,495)
Office expense and maintenance	2,004,742	-	2,004,742	908,000	908,000	1,096,742
Professional services	29,543	-	29,543	44,700	44,700	(15,157)
Capital outlay	45,915	-	45,915	344,350	344,350	(298,435)
Budget reduction (4)	-	-	-	-	(2,899,830)	2,899,830
Total expenditures	<u>28,556,984</u>	<u>(28,205)</u>	<u>28,528,779</u>	<u>28,998,300</u>	<u>26,098,470</u>	<u>2,430,309</u>
Excess of revenues over expenditures	(2,040,263)	30,493,181	28,452,918	30,464,976	30,464,976	(2,012,058)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):						
Interagency transfers in	1,780,458	-	1,780,458	-	-	1,780,458
Total other financing sources	<u>1,780,458</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,780,458</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,780,458</u>
Net change in fund balance	(259,805)	30,493,181	30,233,376	30,464,976	30,464,976	(231,600)
Fund balances - beginning	30,228,426	236,550	(3) 30,464,976	30,464,976	30,464,976	-
Less reappropriated fund balance	-	(30,464,976)	(1) (30,464,976)	(30,464,976)	(30,464,976)	-
Fund balances - ending	<u>\$ 29,968,621</u>	<u>\$ 264,755</u>	<u>\$ 30,233,376</u>	<u>\$ 30,464,976</u>	<u>\$ 30,464,976</u>	<u>\$ (231,600)</u>

Explanation of differences:

- (1) Budgets include reappropriated fund balances carried over from prior years to cover expenditures of the current year. The results of operations on a GAAP basis do not recognize these amounts as revenue since they represent prior period's excess of revenues over expenditures.
- (2) Personnel services and related benefits are budgeted only to the extent expected to be paid, rather than on the modified accrual basis.
- (3) The amount reported as "fund balance" on the budgetary basis of accounting derives from the basis of accounting used in preparing the budget. (See Note 1 for a description of the House of Representatives, State of Louisiana's budgetary accounting method.) This amount differs from the fund balance reported in the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance because of the cumulative effect of transactions such as those described above.
- (4) The original budget request was approved during a meeting of the Legislative Budgetary Control on April 5, 2016. Act 77 of the 2016 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, which made appropriations for the expenses of the legislature for FY 2016-2017, amended the approved original budget request and reduced it by ten percent.

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SCHEDULE OF FUNDING PROGRESS FOR
OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT PLANS
FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

	Actuarial Date	Actuarial Value of Assets (a)	Actuarial Accrued Liability (AAL) - (b)	Unfunded AAL (UAAL) (b-a)	Funded Ratio (a/b)	Covered Payroll (c)	UAAL as a Percentage of Covered Payroll [(b-a)/c]
Office of Group Benefits	7/1/2016	\$ -	\$ 3,867,873	\$ 3,867,873	0%	\$ 1,077,953	358.82%
	7/1/2014						
	projected to 7/1/2015	\$ -	\$ 8,955,063	\$ 8,955,063	0%	\$ 2,090,459	428.38%
	7/1/2014	\$ -	\$ 8,732,100	\$ 8,732,100	0%	\$ 1,873,594	466.06%
LSU System Health Plan	7/1/2016	\$ -	\$ 32,177,440	\$ 32,177,440	0%	\$ 14,407,227	223.34%
	7/1/2014						
	projected to 7/1/2015	\$ -	\$ 23,678,421	\$ 23,678,421	0%	\$ 11,651,797	203.22%
	7/1/2014	\$ -	\$ 22,101,752	\$ 22,101,752	0%	\$ 12,423,852	177.90%

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SCHEDULE OF EMPLOYER'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE
OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY
FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Employer's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability</u>	<u>Employer's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability</u>	<u>Employer's Covered-Employee Payroll</u>	<u>Employer's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability as a % of its Covered - Employee Payroll</u>	<u>Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a % of the Total Pension Liability</u>
<u>LASERS:</u>					
2017	0.526640%	\$ 41,354,600	\$ 10,336,663	400.1%	57.7%
2016	0.504300%	\$ 34,300,148	\$ 9,819,695	349.3%	62.7%
2015	0.512260%	\$ 32,031,186	\$ 10,209,736	313.7%	65.0%
2014	0.471150%	\$ 34,321,437	\$ 9,993,199	343.4%	58.6%
<u>TRSL:</u>					
2017	0.002550%	\$ 298,824	\$ 157,167	190.1%	59.9%
2016	0.003960%	\$ 425,683	\$ 128,306	331.8%	62.5%
2015	0.002400%	\$ 245,519	\$ 129,579	189.5%	63.7%
2014	0.000760%	\$ 90,257	\$ 29,258	308.5%	56.5%
<u>LACRF:</u>					
2017	0.187359%	\$ 346,609	\$ 166,180	208.6%	74.2%
2016	0.176011%	\$ 264,022	\$ 160,718	164.3%	78.1%
2015	0.174748%	\$ 235,711	\$ 157,674	149.5%	79.4%
2014	0.170166%	\$ 281,073	\$ 148,071	189.8%	72.9%
<u>LSERS:</u>					
2017	0.006642%	\$ 50,104	\$ 17,356	288.7%	70.1%
2016	0.011393%	\$ 72,246	\$ 33,621	214.9%	74.5%
2015	0.011000%	\$ 63,518	\$ 29,610	214.5%	76.2%
2014	0.010600%	\$ 80,665	\$ 29,328	275.0%	68.3%

The schedule is intended to report information for ten years. Additional years will be displayed as they become available. The amounts presented have a measurement date of the previous fiscal year.

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SCHEDULE OF EMPLOYER'S PENSION CONTRIBUTIONS
FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

Fiscal Year	Contractually Required Contribution	Contributions in Relation to Contractually Required Contribution	Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	Employer's Covered- Employee Payroll	Contributions as a Percentage of Covered- Employee Payroll
<u>LASERS:</u>					
2017	\$ 3,750,510	\$ 3,750,510	\$ -	\$ 10,422,565	36.0%
2016	\$ 3,851,563	\$ 3,851,563	\$ -	\$ 10,336,663	37.3%
2015	\$ 3,589,560	\$ 3,589,560	\$ -	\$ 9,819,695	36.6%
2014	\$ 3,192,092	\$ 3,192,092	\$ -	\$ 10,209,736	31.3%
<u>TRSL:</u>					
2017	\$ 29,062	\$ 29,062	\$ -	\$ 113,873	25.5%
2016	\$ 41,296	\$ 41,296	\$ -	\$ 157,167	26.3%
2015	\$ 35,763	\$ 35,763	\$ -	\$ 128,306	27.9%
2014	\$ 35,286	\$ 35,286	\$ -	\$ 129,579	27.2%
<u>LACRF:</u>					
2017	\$ 21,085	\$ 21,085	\$ -	\$ 110,972	19.0%
2016	\$ 31,574	\$ 31,574	\$ -	\$ 166,180	19.0%
2015	\$ 30,397	\$ 30,397	\$ -	\$ 160,718	18.9%
2014	\$ 28,932	\$ 28,932	\$ -	\$ 157,674	18.3%
<u>LSERS:</u>					
2017	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.0%
2016	\$ 5,242	\$ 5,242	\$ -	\$ 17,356	30.2%
2015	\$ 11,053	\$ 11,053	\$ -	\$ 33,621	32.9%
2014	\$ 9,564	\$ 9,564	\$ -	\$ 29,610	32.3%

The schedule is intended to report information for ten years. Additional years will be displayed as they become available.

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SCHEDULE OF EMPLOYER'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY
AND SCHEDULE OF EMPLOYER'S PENSION CONTRIBUTIONS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

1. CHANGES IN BENEFIT TERMS:

LASERS:

- (a) A 1.5% COLA, effective July 1, 2016, provided by Acts 93 and 512 of the 2016 Louisiana Regular Legislative Session.
- (b) Added benefits for members of the Harbor Police Retirement System which was merged with LASERS effective July 1, 2015 by Act 648 of 2014.

TRSL:

- (a) 1.5% COLA, effective July 1, 2016, provided by Acts 93 and 512 of the 2016 Louisiana Regular Legislative Session.
- (b) Regular Plan members whose first employment makes them eligible for membership in a Louisiana state retirement on or after July 1, 2105, may retire with a 2.5% benefit factor after attaining age 62 with at least five years of service credit and are eligible for an actuarially reduced benefit with 20 years of service at any age.

LACRF:

- (a) There were no changes in benefit terms for the year ended June 30, 2017.

LSERS:

- (a) 2.0% COLA, effective July 1, 2016, provided by Acts 93 and 512 of the 2016 Louisiana Regular Legislative Session.

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NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
SCHEDULE OF EMPLOYER'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

2. CHANGES OF ASSUMPTIONS:

LASERS:

(a) There were no changes of assumptions for the year ended June 30, 2017.

TRSL:

(a) There were no changes of assumptions for the year ended June 30, 2017.

LACRF:

(a) There were no changes of assumptions for the year ended June 30, 2017.

LSERS:

(a) Amounts reported in the 2015 valuation for LSERS reflect an adjustment in the discount rate used to present value the projected benefit payments attributed to past period of service. The discount rate for LSERS was reduced by 0.25% to 7.00% in 2015.

(b) Amounts reported in the 2016 valuation for LSERS reflect an adjustment in the discount rate used to present value the projected benefit payments attributed to past periods of service. The discount rate for LSERS was increased by 0.125% to 7.125% in 2016.

(c) Other changes are as follows:

Valuation Date	June 30, 2016	June 30, 2015
Inflation Rate	2.625%	2.750%
Project Salary Increases	Ranges from 3.075% to 5.375%	Ranges from 3.20% to 5.50%

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<u>Representative</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Regular Session</u>		<u>Special Session</u>		<u>Travel</u>		<u>Salary and Expense Allowance</u>
		<u>Days</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Days</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Days</u>	<u>Amount</u>	
ABRAHAM, MARK	\$ 38,091	60	\$ 9,360	18	\$ 2,808	20	\$ 3,123	\$ 22,800
ABRAMSON, NEIL C.	37,936	60	9,360	18	2,808	19	2,968	22,800
AMEDEE, BERYL A.	37,779	60	9,360	18	2,808	18	2,811	22,800
ANDERS, JOHN F.	36,690	60	9,360	18	2,808	11	1,722	22,800
ARMES III, JAMES KIMRELL	36,060	60	9,360	18	2,808	7	1,092	22,800
BACALA, ANTHONY	38,716	60	9,360	18	2,808	24	3,748	22,800
BAGLEY, LAWRENCE A.	37,156	60	9,360	18	2,808	14	2,188	22,800
BAGNERIS, JOHN	35,904	60	9,360	18	2,808	6	936	22,800
BARRAS, TAYLOR F.	62,835	60	9,360	18	2,808	81	12,667	38,000
BERTHELOT, JOHN A.	38,409	60	9,360	18	2,808	22	3,441	22,800
BILLIOT, ROBERT E.	38,091	60	9,360	18	2,808	20	3,123	22,800
BISHOP, STUART J.	35,280	60	9,360	18	2,808	2	312	22,800
BOUIE, JR., JOSEPH	35,748	60	9,360	18	2,808	5	780	22,800
BROADWATER, CHRIS	35,905	60	9,360	18	2,808	6	937	22,800
BROWN, CHAD	35,905	60	9,360	18	2,808	6	937	22,800
BROWN, TERRY R.	36,998	60	9,360	18	2,808	13	2,030	22,800
CARMODY, JR., THOMAS G.	36,378	60	9,360	18	2,808	9	1,410	22,800
CARPENTER, BARBARA W.	37,778	60	9,360	18	2,808	18	2,810	22,800
CARTER, ROBERT J.	35,280	60	9,360	18	2,808	2	312	22,800
CARTER, STEPHEN F.	37,156	60	9,360	18	2,808	14	2,188	22,800
CARTERJR,GARY	36,530	60	9,360	18	2,808	10	1,562	22,800
CHANEY, CHARLES R.	38,092	60	9,360	18	2,808	20	3,124	22,800
CONNICK, JOHN PATRICK	35,124	60	9,360	18	2,808	1	156	22,800
COUSSAN, JEAN-PAUL	35,437	60	9,360	18	2,808	3	469	22,800
COX, KENNY R.	35,437	60	9,360	18	2,808	3	469	22,800
CREWS, RAYMOND J	9,237	30	4,680	8	1,248	-	-	3,308
CROMER, GEORGE GREGORY	36,844	60	9,360	18	2,808	12	1,876	22,800
DANAHAY, MICHAEL	35,436	60	9,360	18	2,808	3	468	22,800
DAVIS, PAULA	36,217	60	9,360	18	2,808	8	1,249	22,800
DEVILLIER, PHILLIP	37,001	60	9,360	18	2,808	13	2,033	22,800
DWIGHT, STEPHEN C.	35,592	60	9,360	18	2,808	4	624	22,800
EDMONDS, RICHARD	39,186	60	9,360	18	2,808	27	4,218	22,800
EMERSON, JULIE	35,436	60	9,360	18	2,808	3	468	22,800
FALCONER, RAMSEY	35,436	60	9,360	18	2,808	3	468	22,800
FOIL, FRANKLIN J.	37,468	60	9,360	18	2,808	16	2,500	22,800
FRANKLIN, A. B.	37,153	60	9,360	18	2,808	14	2,185	22,800
GAINES, RANDAL L.	36,372	60	9,360	18	2,808	9	1,404	22,800
GAROFALO, JR, RAYMOND E.	36,531	60	9,360	18	2,808	10	1,563	22,800
GISCLAIR, JERRY J.	36,217	60	9,360	18	2,808	8	1,249	22,800

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<u>Representative</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Regular Session</u>		<u>Special Session</u>		<u>Travel</u>		<u>Salary and Expense Allowance</u>
		<u>Days</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Days</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Days</u>	<u>Amount</u>	
GLOVER, CEDRIC B.	\$ 36,062	60	\$ 9,360	18	\$ 2,808	7	\$ 1,094	\$ 22,800
GUINN, JOHN E.	35,905	60	9,360	18	2,808	6	937	22,800
HALL, JEFFREY	37,465	60	9,360	18	2,808	16	2,497	22,800
HARRIS, LANCE	37,780	60	9,360	18	2,808	18	2,812	22,800
HARRIS III, JAMES C.	37,784	60	9,360	18	2,808	18	2,816	22,800
HAVARD, KENNETH E.	38,252	60	9,360	18	2,808	21	3,284	22,800
HAZEL, LOWELL CHRISTOPHER	36,218	60	9,360	18	2,808	8	1,250	22,800
HENRY, JR., JOHN C.	66,251	60	9,360	18	2,808	21	3,284	50,799
HENSGENS, CRAIG R	36,528	60	9,360	18	2,808	10	1,560	22,800
HILFERTY, STEPHANIE	35,436	60	9,360	18	2,808	3	468	22,800
HILL, DOROTHY SUE	36,685	60	9,360	18	2,808	11	1,717	22,800
HODGES, VALARIE H.	37,308	60	9,360	18	2,808	15	2,340	22,800
HOFFMANN, FRANK A.	37,158	60	9,360	18	2,808	14	2,190	22,800
HOLLIS, PAUL BRYAN	34,968	60	9,360	18	2,808	-	-	22,800
HORTON, SYLVIA	35,749	60	9,360	18	2,808	5	781	22,800
HOWARD, FRANK A.	36,060	60	9,360	18	2,808	7	1,092	22,800
HUNTER, MARCUS L.	36,060	60	9,360	18	2,808	7	1,092	22,800
HUVAL, MICHAEL	37,466	60	9,360	18	2,808	16	2,498	22,800
IVEY, BARRY	36,221	60	9,360	18	2,808	8	1,253	22,800
JACKSON, KATRINA R	38,406	60	9,360	18	2,808	22	3,438	22,800
JAMES II, EDWARD CLARK	37,152	60	9,360	18	2,808	14	2,184	22,800
JEFFERSON, PATRICK O'NEAL	37,162	60	9,360	18	2,808	14	2,194	22,800
JENKINS JR. SAMUEL L.	35,437	60	9,360	18	2,808	3	469	22,800
JOHNSON, JAMES MICHAEL	11,834	-	-	-	-	2	312	11,522
JOHNSON, ROBERT ALLEN	35,904	60	9,360	18	2,808	6	936	22,800
JONES, SAM	35,906	60	9,360	18	2,808	6	938	22,800
JORDAN, EDMOND D	36,690	60	9,360	18	2,808	11	1,722	22,800
LANDRY, NANCY RUTH	36,528	60	9,360	18	2,808	10	1,560	22,800
LANDRY, SR., TERRY C.	38,558	60	9,360	18	2,808	23	3,590	22,800
LEBAS, HARVEY BERNARD	36,222	60	9,360	18	2,808	8	1,254	22,800
LEGER III, WALTER	46,731	60	9,360	18	2,808	26	4,063	30,500
LEOPOLD, CHRISTOPHER J.	35,904	60	9,360	18	2,808	6	936	22,800
LYONS SR., RODNEY	37,315	60	9,360	18	2,808	15	2,347	22,800
MACK, SHERMAN Q.	34,968	60	9,360	18	2,808	-	-	22,800
MAGEE, TANNER	35,592	60	9,360	18	2,808	4	624	22,800
MARCELLE, CLARA D	36,217	60	9,360	18	2,808	8	1,249	22,800
MARINO, III, JOSEPH A.	34,639	60	9,360	18	2,808	3	468	22,002
MCFARLAND, JACK G	37,780	60	9,360	18	2,808	18	2,812	22,800
MIGUEZ, BLAKE J.	36,996	60	9,360	18	2,808	13	2,028	22,800
MILLER, DUSTIN	38,090	60	9,360	18	2,808	20	3,122	22,800

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Representative	Total	Regular Session		Special Session		Travel		Salary and Expense Allowance
		Per Diem Days	Per Diem Amount	Per Diem Days	Per Diem Amount	Per Diem Days	Per Diem Amount	
MILLER, GREGORY	\$ 36,062	60	\$ 9,360	18	\$ 2,808	7	\$ 1,094	\$ 22,800
MONTOUCET, JACK	13,573	-	-	-	-	8	1,254	12,318
MORENO, HELENA N.	34,968	60	9,360	18	2,808	-	-	22,800
MORRIS, JAMES H	39,344	60	9,360	18	2,808	28	4,376	22,800
MORRIS III, JOHN C.	35,437	60	9,360	18	2,808	3	469	22,800
NORTON, BARBARA MCCRAY	37,004	60	9,360	18	2,808	13	2,036	22,800
PEARSON, J. KEVIN	36,529	60	9,360	18	2,808	10	1,561	22,800
PIERRE, VINCENT J.	37,621	60	9,360	18	2,808	17	2,653	22,800
POPE, J. ROGERS	36,061	60	9,360	18	2,808	7	1,093	22,800
PRICE, EDWARD J.	36,580	60	9,360	18	2,808	16	2,499	21,912
PUGH, STEPHEN EDMUND	35,904	60	9,360	18	2,808	6	936	22,800
PYLANT, STEVEN E.	35,748	60	9,360	18	2,808	5	780	22,800
REYNOLDS, HARLIE E.	36,222	60	9,360	18	2,808	8	1,254	22,800
RICHARD, JEROME P.	36,528	60	9,360	18	2,808	10	1,560	22,800
SCHEXNAYDER, CLAY	36,685	60	9,360	18	2,808	11	1,717	22,800
SCHRODER, SR., JOHN M.	37,083	60	9,360	18	2,808	18	2,812	22,102
SEABAUGH, ALAN THOMAS	35,124	60	9,360	18	2,808	1	156	22,800
SHADOIN, ROBERT E.	36,223	60	9,360	18	2,808	8	1,255	22,800
SIMON, SCOTT MICHAEL	35,593	60	9,360	18	2,808	4	625	22,800
SMITH, PATRICIA HAYNES	42,467	60	9,360	18	2,808	48	7,499	22,800
STAGNI, JOSEPH A	16,054	60	9,360	8	1,248	-	-	5,446
STEFANSKI, JOHN M	15,738	60	9,360	8	1,248	-	-	5,130
STOKES, JULIE	38,723	60	9,360	18	2,808	24	3,755	22,800
TALBOT, MICHAEL KIRK	37,935	60	9,360	18	2,808	19	2,967	22,800
THIBAUT, JR, JOSEPH HENRY	37,158	60	9,360	18	2,808	14	2,190	22,800
THOMAS, PAULETTE	33,474	60	9,360	18	2,808	3	468	20,837
WHITE, MALINDA B.	36,372	60	9,360	18	2,808	9	1,404	22,800
WILLMOTT, THOMAS PHILLIP	10,626	-	-	-	-	8	1,253	9,372
ZERINGUE, JEROME	39,031	60	9,360	18	2,808	26	4,063	22,800
	<u>\$ 3,884,095</u>		<u>\$ 978,120</u>		<u>\$ 290,160</u>		<u>\$ 196,560</u>	<u>\$ 2,419,248</u>



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL
OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND
OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL
STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH
GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

December 22, 2017

Honorable Taylor F. Barras
Speaker of the House of Representatives
State of Louisiana
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

We have audited, in accordance with the 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, the financial statements of the governmental activities and the major fund of the House of Representatives, State of Louisiana, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2017, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the House of Representatives, State of Louisiana's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated December 22, 2017.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the House of Representatives, State of Louisiana's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the House of Representatives, State of Louisiana's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the House of Representatives, State of Louisiana's internal control.

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A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the House of Representatives, State of Louisiana's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose. Under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the Legislative Auditor as a public document.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
STATE OF LOUISIANA
SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS:

1. The opinion issued on the financial statements of the House of Representatives, State of Louisiana for the year ended June 30, 2017 was unmodified.

2. Internal Control
 - Material weaknesses: None noted
 - Significant deficiencies: None noted

3. Compliance and Other Matters
 - Noncompliance material to financial statements: None noted

FINDINGS REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED UNDER GENERALLY ACCEPTED GOVERNMENTAL AUDITING STANDARDS:

None

SUMMARY OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS:

None