



SOUTH DAKOTA RETIREMENT SYSTEM

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Mr. Travis W. Almond
Executive Director
South Dakota Retirement System
222 East Capitol Avenue
Pierre, South Dakota 57501-1098

Re: South Dakota 2026 Legislative Session – Senate Bill 53

Dear Travis:

Senate Bill 53 ensures uniformity in South Dakota Retirement System member identification verification protocols.

Senate Bill 53 does not impact the benefits paid from SDRS and will have no material impact on the liabilities or assets of SDRS.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Douglas J. Fiddler". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a white background.

Douglas J. Fiddler, A.S.A., E.A., M.A.A.A., F.C.A.
Senior Actuary

c: Mr. John Richter, SDRS
Ms. Michelle Mikkelsen, SDRS