

DRAFT OPTIONS FOR STATEMENT OF FINDINGS FOR SJ 4 FINAL REPORT

OPTION A:

Montana's two largest pension systems, the Teachers Retirement System (TRS) and the Public Employee Retirement System (PERS), have been operating continuously for generations. TRS has been in operating since 1937 and PERS since 1945. Montana's pensions currently amortize in less than 30 years, which is the statutory standard for the state. As of FY23, PERS has a funded ratio of 75% and TRS has a funded ratio of 72%. The average return since 1994, the farthest back we can evaluate with certainty, has exceeded assumptions.

OPTION B:

Montana's two largest pension systems, the Teachers Retirement System (TRS) and the Public Employee Retirement System (PERS), have been operating continuously since 1937 and 1945 respectively. Montana's pensions currently amortize in less than 30 years, which is our statutory standard. PERS has a funded ratio of 75% and TRS has a funded ratio of 72%.