

COMMISSION ON GOVERNMENT FORECASTING AND ACCOUNTABILITY

PENSION IMPACT NOTE

102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

BILL NO: **SB 0073**

February 4, 2021

SPONSOR (S): DeWitte

SYSTEM(S): Metropolitan Water Reclamation District Fund (MWRD)

FISCAL IMPACT: There is no discernible fiscal impact associated with SB 0073. The pension fund says that ordinary disability benefits are currently paid bi-weekly, which is administratively burdensome. The pension fund currently pays duty disability pensions on a monthly basis, so the two types of disability benefits would be paid on the same schedule upon enactment of this bill.

SUBJECT MATTER: SB 0073 amends the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD) article of the Pension Code. The bill stipulates that the payments of ordinary disability benefits shall be made at least monthly, rather than in intervals not longer than 30 days.

COMMENT: Under current law, the MWRD pension fund must make payments of ordinary (non-occupational) disability benefits in intervals of not more than 30 days. SB 0073 amends the MWRD article such that these payments would be made at least monthly. The pension fund is seeking this language for ease of administration, and there is no substantive change to disability benefits.

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