

2015 SDASCOE Convention- Legislative report

There are several bills that could have an impact on us:

- One bill would change the retirement calculation to a high 5 from the current high 3. This seems to come up each year and so far has been defeated, but we need to be vigilant.
- The Federal Adjustment of Income Rates (FAIR) Bill would give Federal workers a 3.8% pay increase for next year. This isn't very likely. The pay increase number will probably be closer to 1%.
- Federal Workforce Reduction through Attrition Act would cut the Federal workforce by 10% and we would only be able to hire one for every 3 employees that retire or quit.
- Federal Employees Pension Fairness Act would reverse the pension increases that have been put into place for new hires.
- Taxpayers Right to Know Act would provide detailed financial data for each program paid by the government.
- Shut Down the Shutdowns Act would automatically implement a continuing resolution.
- A work-life balance bill would potentially include paid leave for new parents.

Office of Personnel Management has announced that Insurance providers in the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program cannot charge higher premium rates in 2016 for the self-plus-one option than the rates for self and family.

Be sure to **like** the NASCOE page on Facebook to keep up to date on things affecting FSA employees.

Another great resource is the NASCOE web site at www.nascoe.org

Please take the time to read the information that is posted on the NASCOE website from the Legislative committee. They do a great job of keeping on top of issues facing us as employees. We are fortunate to have Hunter Moorhead fighting for our jobs and benefits.

Respectfully submitted,

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