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STATE CONTROLLER KATHLEEN CONNELL URGES CALPERS BOARD TO VOTE AGAINST PREMIUM HIKES FOR LONG-TERM CARE PROGRAM

CONTROLLER TO CALL FOR ALTERNATIVES AT TODAY'S MEETING

Sacramento, November 19, 2002 – State Controller and PERS Board Member Kathleen Connell, in a letter to her fellow board members, urged them to vote against a rate hike for CalPERS Long-Term-Care Insurance policy holders at today's CalPERS board meeting.

"Each member who purchased a CalPERS long term care policy relied on the expertise of our staff and our contracted consultants to set a premium that could be counted on for the life of the policy," Connell said. "While it might technically be legal to raise our members' premiums, it is a moral outrage to recommend such a steep and sudden increase, especially for our members who are seniors."

She urged the board to find alternate ways of covering their increased costs. The board is set to vote on the matter today at the health benefits meeting in Glendale.

The CalPERS long-term care program has approximately 170,000 members. The plan offers personal care, respite care, homemaker services, home health care, adult day care, residential assisted living care and nursing home care.

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