

# The **Association** report

from the **Capitol**

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State legislators returned to the capitol today (Mar. 24) after a 10-day spring break with the full house of representatives scheduled to begin work on the 2015 fiscal year budget bills.

One of our Association's top priorities this session, the resumption of a state contribution to the deferred compensation program, is included in the appropriations bills. At this point in the process, the proposed state match is set at \$25 per month. This is below what our Association had recommended to appropriations personnel as well as what the governor had asked for. It has been suggested by veteran observers that the state match could be increased as the budget moves through the senate. We will be working on this.

In a related matter, Jefferson city area Representative, Mike Bernskoetter, recently introduced HB2105 which would raise the statutory ceiling for the state's contribution to the deferred comp plan from \$75 to \$100 a month. The bill hasn't yet been assigned to a house committee however it's a proposal we'll be following closely and promoting at every opportunity.

Another bill of interest, HJR68, would place before voters a 1-cent general sales tax dedicated specifically for transportation-related projects. It is positioned for debate in the house - possibly as early as next week.

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