# Portland FPDR Funding Policy 

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## Actual Basis vs. Cash Basis

- Negative amortization: When contributions are insufficient to cover Interest Cost and Normal Cost

FPDR One and Two


## OR vs. Portland Costs Per Active Member



- City Council controls salary costs (green)
- City Charter controls pension costs (red)
- Normal Cost is the annual cost of benefits earned in the current year
- Interest Cost is the annual interest rate times the unfunded liability
- Portland Police \& Fire pensions are the most costly in the country


## OR vs. Portland Cash Costs

Employer Contribution (Expected Case)


- Portland's system is the most costly in the country
- This conclusion is consistent whether you analyze the actuarial valuation or projections of cash contributions


## Current Policy (Green) vs. Illustrative Alternatives (Red)



## Summary of Illustrative Alternative Policies

- Current Funding Policy
- Cumulative costs of FPDR total $\$ 2.7$ billion over the next 15 years, $\$ 5.9$ billion over the next 30 years, and over $\$ 8$ billion through the end of the plan's life.
- Alternative Funding Policy:I5 years to full funding
- Cumulative contributions are higher by about half over the next I5 years in order to eliminate all subsequent contributions
- Eliminates about half of cumulative costs over the life of the plan
- Alternative Funding Policy: 30 years to full funding
- Cumulative contributions are higher by just I\% to $8 \%$ over the next 30 years in order to eliminate all subsequent contributions
- Eliminates about one quarter to one third of cumulative costs over the life of the plan


## For Consideration

- Request your actuary provide an analysis of a Comprehensive Actuarial Funding Policy covering the following
- Inputs
- Various amortization periods
- Pension Obligation Bonds
, Combinations of the above
- Outputs
- Cumulative long-term cost savings
- Analysis of the impact of FPDR on property tax compression, including in worse-case scenarios
- This may require collaboration with the City Economist or an economic consulting firm given that it has not been done before

