

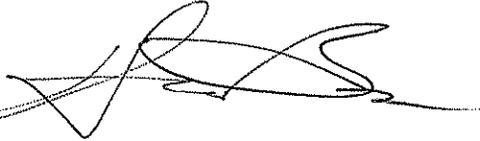
For public testimony on February 5, 2007 regarding:

Proposed H.B. No. 6300

AN ACT CONCERNING CREDIT IN THE STATE EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM FOR PROIR STATE SERVICE IN RHODE ISLAND.

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I am very grateful to be here before the Labor Committee to speak on behalf of myself and my family regarding **Bill 6300, AN ACT CONCERNING CREDIT IN THE STATE EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM FOR PRIOR STATE SERVICE IN RHODE ISLAND.** This bill would permit members of the state employees retirement system to purchase or receive credit for prior state service in Rhode Island.

A year ago, a similar bill was introduced and approved by this committee, of which I was very grateful. It was Raised Bill 5703 and it provided credit for state service in Arizona as well as Rhode Island. It died in the Appropriations Committee.

This year, I am here to request that the Labor Committee add Arizona to Bill 6300 and that it would apply to Tier II Hazardous duty. If this were to be enacted, I would be able to regain 11 ½ years of service from the Arizona Department of Correction.

People who have served in the military can purchase retirement credits and rightfully so. Those who have had prior state service in Connecticut can also purchase retirement credits. I too would like to be afforded the same consideration. I believe this is a fair request. I also ~~do not~~ think it would not be an undue burden on the state, because there is hardly anyone in hazardous duty from Arizona. In my department, I only know of 1 other person, in the nearly 15 years that I have worked for CDOC.

I thank you for your time and I wish you well.