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## LAO Releases Fiscal Analysis of Pension Reform Act

*Sacramento, Calif.* – The Legislative Analyst's Office has released its fiscal analysis of the Pension Reform Act of 2014. Their analysis is available online here:

<http://www.lao.ca.gov/ballot/2013/130690.pdf>

In particular, the Analyst's Summary of Fiscal Effects noted:

“Potential net reduction of hundreds of millions to billions of dollars per year in state and local government costs. Net savings - emerging over time - would depend on how much governments reduce retirement benefits and increase salary and other benefits.” (*page 8*)

While public employee unions opposing this initiative have noted the LAO's discussion of potential cost increases, they fail to acknowledge that the LAO found that these potential increases would be more than offset by the potential savings from the initiative.

"Our initiative seeks to empower government agencies to negotiate changes to employees' future benefits, for future years of service not yet performed, while also protecting the benefits employees have already earned," said San Jose Mayor Chuck Reed. "The LAO's analysis shows that providing local governments with this critical tool can generate significant immediate savings that can be used to protect essential public services and the long-term health of their retirement plans."

To schedule an interview with Mayor Reed, please e-mail [media@reformpensions2014.com](mailto:media@reformpensions2014.com). Reporters on deadline may try contacting one of Mayor Reed's PIOs, Michelle McGurk (408-655-7332) or David Low (408-499-8328).

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