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Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] RE: 2024 State Audit Rule Changes

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2.2.2 NMAC Requirements for Contracting and Conducting Audits of Agencies.pdf

Good morning Christopher,

The proposed change is to 2.2.2.10. Y. GASB 68, accounting and financial reporting for pensions (1) (f).

With markups:

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This part of State Audit Rule was put in place at the implementation of GASB 68 in 2015. We are now 9 audit years into GASB 68, and the employer guide is mainly utilized for creating journal entries required by GASB 68. I worked with PERA on the proposed changes, and I know that they also want to request these changes to State Audit Rule. Should I let Lynette Kennard, PERA CFO, know to submit the proposed State Audit Rule changes to you?

Thank you for your assistance!