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### **US Senate confirms Nevada PERS chief for Social Security Advisory Board**

Carson City---Dana Bilyeu, Executive Officer of the Nevada Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) has been confirmed by the U.S. Senate to a seat on the Social Security Advisory Board.

Recommended for a position on the independent, bipartisan seven-member panel by Nevada Senator Harry Reid, she was nominated for the post by President Bush. The Senate's Finance Committee confirmed Bilyeu's appointment Dec. 10.

Created by Congress upon appointment by the President, the Social Security Advisory Board advises the President, Congress and the Commissioner of Social Security on matters related to the Social Security and Supplemental Security Income Programs.

Bilyeu says, "I am honored to have been selected to serve on this national advisory panel and plan to use my 17 years' experience in pension management to provide perspective on ways to strengthen Social Security. There are many issues facing Social Security and I plan to be an active member of the board."

In announcing her appointment, Nevada PERS Board Chairman Charles Silvestri said, "The Board is pleased that President Bush has recognized the valuable contributions made by Ms. Bilyeu to the public pension industry. They

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include her work as: Executive Officer of the Public Employees' Retirement System of Nevada; as a member of the National Association of State Retirement Administrators; National Council on Teacher Retirement; National Conference of Public Employee Retirement Systems and the International Foundation for Employee Benefit Plans' Public Employee Advisory Board.

Silvestri added, "Dana's public pension expertise, beginning with representation of PERS as a Deputy Attorney General, then as Operations Officer for eight years and as Executive Officer for the past three years, provide her with a unique perspective on the issues facing Social Security."

Because the national position is advisory, Bilyeu will travel to Washington, D.C. periodically to fulfill her duties but will remain Executive Officer of Nevada PERS.

Ms. Bilyeu graduated from the University of Arizona with a Bachelor's Degree and California Western Law School in San Diego with a law degree. She resides in Carson City with her husband Lindsay and son Mateo.