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Speaker Biography

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Hank H. Kim is Executive Director and Counsel for the National Conference on Public Employee Retirement Systems. Mr. Kim directs the day-to-day operation of the largest public pension trade association in the United States. His responsibilities include strategic planning for NCPERS, promoting retirement security for all workers through access to defined benefit pension plans, and the expansion of NCPERS' role in the continuing debate on health care.

Mr. Kim brings strong experience in health care policy, having assisted in drafting the Healthcare Enhancement for Local Public Safety (HELPS) Retirees provision in the recently passed Pension Protection Act (PL 109-280). He has worked for a hospital association where he successfully advocated for passage of the Provider Sponsored Organizations legislation (PL 105-33). He began his career in the Office of Senator Bill Bradley (NJ) and assisted on the Newborns' and Mothers' Health Protection Act (PL 104-204).

Prior to joining NCPERS, Mr. Kim served for six years as a governmental affairs representative for the International Association of Fire Fighters, working on firefighter benefits, appropriations, homeland security, and health care issues. During this period, he helped draft and lobby for the passage of Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Act (PL 108-136). He has intimate knowledge of federal agencies and has served on several Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) committees and working groups.

Mr. Kim received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and his Doctor of Jurisprudence from Indiana University-Bloomington School of Law. He is a member of the District of Columbia Bar.

He has authored or edited several published reports, including Creating a Retiree Medical Trust.