

# **Nev. pension system abuses cost taxpayers \$23M a year**

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Nevada governments are using the underfunded state pension system to boost the income of public employees.

The practice, which is legal but often based on decades-old or misused exemptions to the law, costs taxpayers at least \$23 million a year in pension and salary, a *Las Vegas Review-Journal* investigation found.

Two dozen elected officials collect salaries and pensions at the same time, including eight politicians who use the arrangement to make more than \$250,000 a year.

There is little accountability or transparency in the system.

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