ATTENTION: House & Senate Rules Committee Chairs & Members

FROM: Ruth Bendl RE: PERS Bill SB 882

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I urge you to support the above referred bill without any delays of payments into the system.

Instead, I urge requiring employees to finally start paying their 6% contribution towards their retirement. It was what voters supported in the 1994 Measure 8 and would have save millions of dollars, had it not been overturned by the Oregon Supreme Court.

It is a regrettable fact that both legislators and judges have a conflict of interest when dealing with this issue, because they are also PERS recipients. It's surely time to put the interests of constituents and the state ahead of any other considerations.

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