

April 3, 2013

Senator Fred Girod
Representative Tina Kotek
Co-Chairs, Subcommittee on Capital Construction
Subcommittee Members

Re: Senate Bill 822

Dear Senator Girod, Representative Kotek, and Subcommittee Members:

I have been employed with the Oregon Judicial Department for 37 years and plan to retire at the end of this year. My annual salary finally reached \$50,000 in January. Needless to say, I am one of the PERS Tier I, Money Match employees who has been made to feel personally responsible for the state's bad economy and large classroom sizes in our public schools.

With the plethora of PERS reform bills introduced this legislative session, Senate Bill 822 is the least harmful to long-term public employees and retirees. While it will reduce monthly benefits and hurt the people who have worked the longest for the state, I realize that the legislature is determined to reduce PERS to help balance the state's budget. Therefore, I reluctantly support Senate Bill 822. Please pass the bill as written.

Having my PERS benefit significantly reduced at the end of my career is not the way I thought I would be thanked for my 37 years of public service.

Sincerely,



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