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My name is Jill Hubbard and I am the Engineering and Computer Science teacher at Tualatin High School. I also started our school's robotics after school program. Prior to becoming a teacher, I was a Senior Design Engineer for Intel Corporation and Evans & Sutherland Computer Corporation.

Last year, our only other computer technology teacher retired. We searched for months to fill his spot and were inundated with licensed teachers who had subject area expertise but did not have the applied skills and experience necessary to run a CTE program. We fruitlessly tried to entice people from industry who after some initial interest declined the position due primarily to low pay. In the end, we were fortunate to hire a CTE teacher from another school district. While this was advantageous to our school's students, it created a void in another school district. As educators, we are working to provide learning opportunities for students throughout the state of Oregon that relate to workforce needs. We do not have enough qualified CTE instructors to help make that vision a reality.

To help serve all students, retired CTE certified teachers should be allowed to teach beyond the present PERS limitations. HB 3058 will allow highly qualified retired teachers to return to the classroom as full time instructors without jeopardizing their position in the PERS retirement system.

I strongly encourage you to pass HB3058.

Sincerely,

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