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SUBMITTED BY: Rep. Komp

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Re: HB 3058, HR E: Business and Labor

Chair Holvey, members of the Committee: Thank you and I appreciate you holding the hearing on HB 3058. For the record, I am State Representative Betty Komp, representing House District 22, Woodburn, Gervais and North Salem.

I am pleased to urge your support of a bill that would allow a PERS member to teach Career and Technical Education has an extension of benefits to teach a full year, not half a year.

As the situation now stands, Oregon has a small number of CTE qualified instructors in the state. Currently, when a CTE teacher leaves it can take a great deal of time to find another qualified teacher for these classes. While they are searching, students are unable to take these important classes. Helping retired CTE teachers be able to teach once again would be the only way we would have the needed certified teachers in our CTE classrooms and our school districts as a whole.

The bill creates a means of allowing highly qualified CTE certified teachers to return to the classroom as instructors without putting their retirement at risk. This will help prepare our students and aid our school staff with these programs. I urge your support for House Bill 3058, as a way to help our Oregonian students.

Thank you for your time today.