

SB 470 Testimony

I work for the Hood River School District and I am instructional assistant. I have worked for the school district for 25 years as a classified employee. I started at a wage of \$13.00 per hour and I am now up to about \$18.00 per hour after 25 years.

Over the years I have work two to three jobs at a time to be able to raise my son. It has never been an option to only work for the school district due to a low wage and only being employed part of the year.

To ensure a job during the summer to make up for the lost of employment, I had no choice but to find employment that would be willing to adjust my schedule during the school year but also keep me employed during the summer.

I am proud of my job and love what I do, however, having an unemployment check would definitely change my world. It is only fair that we, the classified, be included for this option.

Thank you
Pauline Koll