

Senate Committee Members:

March 31, 2015

My name is Toli Harvey; I've been an Educational Assistant for the Gresham/Barlow School District for over six years now. I am urging you to pass SB 470.

Personally, I work 94 hours a week. Yes, I did say 94 hours a week. Part of the reason I have three jobs is because my take home pay from the district is less than \$1400 per month, and I am considered full-time at 30 hours per week. I have an AA in Early Childhood Education, and have worked as a CNA for the last 35 years. For several years I was a Pre-school and substitute teacher for a private school in my area.

I have the benefit of being trained in more than one area. This provides me with other income options while my school is not in session. I specialize in Hospice care and generally work in client's homes, with control over when and where I do provide services. My co-workers are not as fortunate as I am.

I work with people who have as much to offer as I do. They are educated, skilled in many areas and have years of experience, however, most of them are not able to acquire work that is flexible enough to co-exist with their school scheduled hours. It is entirely unfair and even discriminatory in my opinion, that we are the only class of employed citizens in this free country, that DO NOT have unemployment insurance benefits. To contribute monetarily, on a monthly basis to this insurance pool, and be forced by law to abstain from drawing on it during school breaks, is purely and simply -ROBBERY! Taxation without representation comes to mind.

Please vote in support of all Americans having this right! Vote in support of SB 470.

Thank you with all sincerity,

Toli Harvey, EA
Gresham/Barlow School District