



## Service Employees International Union Local 503

*More than 55,000 public workers, care providers, and non-profit employees in Oregon.*

### **SEIU Local 503 supports SB 761**

SEIU Local 503 represents 65,000 workers in Oregon and nearly 30,000 workers that receive PERS as their retirement. We have been involved in many hearings regarding PERS this session and we believe bills that make the system work better for the workers it is created for, are important parts of the overall conversation.

Many workers plan their futures around their PERS benefits. They decide how many years they need to work, they decide if they should stay in their jobs, and they decide what kind of future they can afford. They don't just make these decisions for themselves but for their entire families.

A spouse plans their retirement with their partner, it impacts what house they buy, how much their partners saves, whether their partner works, what they kind of college they can help their kids afford, it impacts all their decisions.

If a worker dies, it doesn't change the plans they made with their family. Their house payment doesn't change, the commitment and plans to their children's future does not change, it does not increase their partners' savings. SB 761 is about making sure that we keep the commitment to a worker and their family even if they die, which seems only fair.

We hope you will support SB 761.