

February 5, 2018

RE: HB4012

To whom it may concern,

My name is Terrel Smith and I am the Computer Science teacher at Sherwood High School I also help lead the Oregon Computer Science Teachers Association (OCSTA).

Through the efforts of the OCSTA and other organizations and initiatives, including Measure 98, more CTE programs are being added to high school curricula around the state. This is a positive development for students but poses a problem for the system in general as there is a shortage of CTE teachers to fill these new positions. There are currently no higher education CTE teacher prep programs in the state. We will need to find CTE teachers from within the ranks of current teachers, bring in staff from other areas of the country and industry and tap into the retired CTE teacher pool.

To help serve all students, retired CTE certified teachers should be allowed to teach beyond the present PERS limitations. HB 4012 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 HB4012.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Terrel Smith', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the left.

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