

My name is Adam Carter and I am a teacher in Bend. My wife is also a teacher and we stand to be directly and negatively impacted by SB 1067 if it is not repealed by HB3075.

I understand the desire of SB 1067 to attempt to contain costs, but I don't think it is going to work as intended, and will simply pass those costs on to public employees and their employers. OEGB has reported that SB 1067 will actually increase costs.

As I have looked into it, the only entity to benefit from SB1067 is insurance companies because they will be collecting increased premiums without providing any more services or benefits. SB 1067 will cost employers, employees and school districts without saving the money it was intended to save.

On a personal note, removing our coordinated spousal coverage will not only increase our of pocket costs significantly, it will also reduce the level of medical care we receive. I am hopeful that was not the intention of SB 1067, but it is the reality.

Please pass HB 3075 and repeal SB 1067. These benefits are important to many teachers, other public servants, and their employers.

Thank you,
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