

I urge you to vote and support House Bill 3075. This vote will restore coordinated spousal insurance coverage for the many families in Oregon, in which both spouses work to serve the public.

In my family, both of us are educators and have been for over 25 years. The cost of insurance has risen so much that the allowance the district provides for us no longer covers all of our premiums. Even with double coverage we still must pay the shortfall between the district allowance and the actual premium. We must also pay the first 3200.00 every year of medical expenses before the plan takes effect.

When this bill first began, it was thought that this would save the state money. After research, this is clearly not the case. The loss of this coordinated spousal coverage will actually increase costs to one or both boards. I have many colleagues that are married to a fireman, law enforcement, or caregivers. These are professions that give time and money above and beyond to serve the public. Please help us keep the coordinated benefits we need for ourselves and our families.

Thank you for your time,
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