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NO on HB 2016

Taxpayer Association of Oregon is opposed to HB 2016 because it flies in the face of US Supreme court decision from June 2018 in Janus vs AFSCME.

The bill would allow union public employees while employed by the state to work on union business while that work is paid by taxpayer money.

This is illegal according to the highest court in the land and unconstitutional. The Supreme court ruled in Janus that everything a public sector union does is inherently political. Essentially, this aspect of the bill would require taxpayers to be paying for political activity while at work. This is a blatant and misuse of taxpayer money.

Does this mean we are using tax dollars to negotiate against the state and potentially against the taxpayer's best interest?

HB 2016 reinstates the mandatory political payroll deduction for which AFSCME was challenged under Janus and lost. Public employees are still free to do what they wish with their paychecks, but having the state deduct these dues is completely unnecessary. It's also unconstitutional since the highest court in the land ruled on Janus.

This bill is an attempt to obtain more political cash contributions for legislative and state campaigns by trampling on the rights of public employees and hurting taxpayers.

Taxpayers do not favor using their tax dollars for political purposes. HB 2016 will thrust the State into a nose dive of endless litigation at taxpayer expense for an outcome that no non-union person likely sees as winnable.