

March 9, 2021

Dear Senate Committee on Labor and Business:

I am writing to you in my role as Senate President and Professor of Psychology at the University of Oregon. I enthusiastically and unequivocally support the -1 amendment to SB 112 to change the default retirement enrollment for unclassified staff at public universities from PERS to the ORP.

This is a commonsense policy change that will help universities save their very limited resources. These savings will benefit students in Oregon by ensuring the long-term financial stability of our universities. The policy does not impinge upon employees' choices and does not take a benefit away from anyone.

I urge you to please adopt the -1 amendment to SB 112 and to please vote yes on the bill.

Sincerely,

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