

Chair Wagner, Vice-Chair Girod, Members of the Committee, My Name is David Coburn. I am a resident of Beaverton, and a grocery worker.

I'm testifying today in support of Senate Joint Resolution 3 & 4, as Well as Senate Bills 261, and 262.

In every aspect of my life as a worker, a volunteer, as people's family and friends, I make promises and endeavor to keep them. I often see first hand how my failures, and successes impact the lives of others. I can't just walk away from these responsibilities and face no repercussions.

It is particularly frustrating to see walk-outs this year, as so many of my friends, family and co-workers have desperately needed elements of COVID- relief, ranging from eviction protection to unemployment to aiding small businesses. It feels beyond childish to walk-away, rather than work with others to improve bills, or vote against them.

It is a point of great frustration, that legislators can walk off the job and abandon doing their job giving voice to the Oregonians that sent them there, without serious repercussion. I have grown tired of seeing legislation stalled for four years because some legislators have chosen to abdicate the responsibility of their role to legislate.

This is why I urge a yes vote on Senate Bills 261, and 262, as Senate Joint Resolutions 3 and 4, It is time to put an end to rewarding childish tactics. Lawmakers shouldn't get paid when they walk-off the job, and should face personal responsibility for their actions with fines that can't be paid for with political contributions. No more absentee lawmakers. Oregonians overwhelmingly support proposals like this because they want their legislators to show up and legislate.

Thank you, I yield my remaining time.