

Chair Wagner, Vice Chair Girod, and honorable members of the Committee. For the record, my name is Kelie McWilliams. I am a wife, mother of three and small business owner living and working in Polk County.

I'm here today because I know from experience that when a job doesn't get done, there are and should be consequences. If one of my employees repeatedly walked out on the job, I certainly wouldn't pay them and I'd probably let them go. Likewise, if my company fails to do the work we're hired to do, we don't get paid.

For three years now, hardworking Oregonians like me have been paying legislators who are refusing to do the work they were sent to Salem to do. These legislators have demonstrated that they lack the fortitude, resilience, and maturity required by the offices they hold. Last year alone, they wasted nearly half a million taxpayer dollars.

The people of Oregon are not getting what they've paid for, and we are being held hostage by tantrums rather than being served by leaders.

Now more than ever, it is imperative that legislators do their jobs. Oregonians want to see legislation that helps us recover from the pandemic and the wildfires. We want to see people getting back to work. We want to address homelessness and aging state infrastructure and computer systems, not to mention the various other problems we face as a state. Nothing gets done when our public servants are allowed to continue to walkout on all of us.

Because of this, I support Senate Bills 261 and 262 and Senate Joint Resolutions 3 and 4 and respectfully ask that you do the same. Thank you for your time.