

To whom it may concern.

I am in support of SB495. I am an education assistant in the Seaside School Dist. I know many of the other assistants work more than 1 job to make ends meet. When summer comes we have to look for summer work because we are unable to collect unemployment. Our positions are never guaranteed. I love working with Special Education students. Every June I am in the unfortunate position of having to look for a summer position and praying that I will be called back in Sept. We have no guarantee of employment in the fall but have to let prospective employers in the summer know that we may be called back in Sept. Most employers would prefer you commit to them for more than 2 months and it makes it hard to find a summer job. Having the ability to collect unemployment for the period of a layoff would make our lives much easier.

Thank you  
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