

Dear Chair Riley and committee members:

I am a Instructional Assistant for the David Douglass School District. I live in Clackamas.

Thank you for the opportunity to express myself regarding Unemployment insurance and its current regulated effects on School support staff.

Current restrictions on unemployment qualifications for us has a detrimental effect on our ability to maintain a basic standard of living. This is my third year working as an instructional assistant and I really enjoy it but it is a difficult job. My wage is only \$16.90 an hour with only 30 hours a week (if we work a full week). With this low rate of pay, and all of the scheduled time off and recess breaks, this amount of income is not survivable. I used to have another job instructing Taekwondo for 15 years but the owner had to close down the location I worked at (March of 2020). I am extremely thankful for having a job and working in my line of work and I would love to continue to do so but with the future expectations on wages and lack of income during recess periods I will not be able to. With the classification of some support staff qualifying and and some not this is not fair or balanced.

Sincerely,

Cliff Doran