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Since 2017 I have been a substitute teacher in the Salem Keizer School district. I started the job to help students, teachers and administrators in our great state. My testimony is from the point of view of a retired person trying to make ends meet in this inflationary time. Rother than raise wages or increase benefits why not allow me to keep more of the money I make.

This idea came to me after looking at my last pay statement. Social Security (6.2%) is deducted from my check. This is of no value to me as my benefit is already calculated. Medicare (1.45%) is deducted from my check. These two zero value items cause me to receive only 92 pennies for each dollar earned.

But wait, that's only part of the story. The school district also must pay into the same programs.

My suggestion is a resolution from Oregon requesting an exemption from these two deductions to increase the number of retired individuals willing to become a substitute. This would increase the number of substitutes and reduce school district expenses.