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On Behalf Of:
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Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB916

I strongly oppose SB916 because of the damage it would do to Oregon's school-children. The teachers unions have already done enough damage to Oregon's children. Oregon teachers are currently the 5th highest paid in the nation, yet Oregon consistently ranks in the bottom of the 50 states + DC for graduation rates. Oregon teachers routinely go on strike and giving teachers unemployment benefits will only encourage more and longer strikes. Oregon school-children already lost the most in-person learning days in the nation during the extended Covid lockdowns. Why increase the learning losses that SB916 will cause? Please do what is right for children instead of doing whatever you are told to do by the teachers unions and vote "NO" on SB916. Oregon taxpayers should NOT be forced to pay for even more paid-vacation days for "teachers" who would be encouraged to spend more days striking than actually working. A "yes" vote only confirms that politicians care more about their union endorsements than they do about Oregon children.