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While I have sympathy for employees that feel pushed to strike to make their needs/demands heard by the employers, ultimately it is a choice they must make to step away from a paying job to make their demands heard. To compensate them for striking is not only wrong, but detrimental to the whole population.

To allow striking employees to collect unemployment allows for MORE strikes. Currently a workforce must temper their needs for improvement with their need for a paycheck. If the need of a paycheck disappears, what is to stop employees from striking on a whim? And all the while this increases unemployment rates for the employer ... and history shows anytime an employer/supplier cost increase - the citizens at large will pay. Prices increase, workload increases as less employees can be supported at higher rates. Costs, taxes, fees and other charges to employers get rolled downhill to the employees, or general population having to shoulder the burden. Most employers don't have the margins to absorb these increases in taxation and fees and therefore others (all the rest of us) are saddled with the burden.

If a work situation is dire enough to require striking, let those in that situation temper their decision with their own finances. A socialist mindset of spreading that burden to others that are not directly involved will further deteriorate our morale, financial wellbeing, and general livability of our state.

Please don't continue to flush our state into complete oppression, vote no on allowing striking employees access to unemployment.