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On Behalf Of: Senior citizens on Medicare and others
Committee: Senate Committee On Labor and Business
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB916

My wife and I are senior citizens.

Our primary source of income is our Social Security income.

This is a common financial condition for senior citizens.

There are a lot of senior citizens in Oregon.

SB 916 will require senior citizens to pay higher taxes to subsidize the costs of unemployment insurance for strikers.

The cost-of-living for senior citizens will increase making it more difficult to pay medical and dental expenses while enrolled in Medicare Advantage Health Insurance plans.

The cost of living is increasing sharply already.

Every time we go shopping at the grocery stores, there are increases in the cost of many products.

This will cause a lower standard of living for most senior citizens.

SB 916 will also encourage the dragging out of strike negotiations.

Strikers will stay off the job as long as possible while receiving unemployment benefits at the expense of the taxpayers.

Lengthening the duration of strike negotiations will increase the financial cost to senior citizens and other taxpayers.

SB 916 will also increase the frequency of strikes.

Why should a person work if he/she can get substantial unemployment income by frequently participating in strikes.

SB 916 will increase the failure rate of small businesses.

Oregon is already considered a small business unfriendly state.

I request that SB 916 be rejected because of the detrimental financial impact it will have on so many of the elderly.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of the negative consequences of implementing SB 916.

Sincerely,
John Frye