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**Please vote NO on HB 3595**

**IF HB 3595 is a paid government legal holiday it may cost,  
by one rough estimate, state and local governments nearly \$50 million in higher costs.**

Honoring Lunar New Year is wonderful ... but ... a new government paid time off time is vexing for several reasons:

- **Oregon public schools have one of the shortest school years in America!** As a result, they are among the very bottom of test scores. How does pulling children away, even more from a short school year going to help these students?
- **Oregon has an 18,000 sex offender backlog of unprocessed rapists and a continual backlog of rape kit processing.** How does more paid days off for government employees going to help get sex offenders and rape kits processed on time?
- **Our government pensions (PERS) are \$28 billion in debt!** How does giving the entire government workforce a paid day off when we cannot even afford to pay them right now? Our state is \$28 billion in debt and the politicians are rolling out paid holidays.
- **DMV has been closing nearly a dozen offices during summer.** How does fewer DMV open days help drivers who struggle to get appointments?
- **The State's Corporation Division has been faulted for not being open on Fridays.** How does another paid day off for government employees help businesses register in Oregon?
- **Government workers like Portland's public employee unions are already required to work a only half-week in the office.** How does giving a paid day off to one of the most casual workplace rules in the nation help Portland get out from its government services crunch?
- **Our government employees make 20% more than private sector Oregonians.** Yet this bill gives all the paid benefits of a lunar new year to government employees while private sector workers lose access to government services and has to pay for child care when schools send their kids home.
- **Lawmakers are advancing a bill to pay workers to strike.** The bill along with the lunar new year bill are more ways our tax dollars are paying people to not work.
- **The list of extreme delay scandals in Oregon state agencies include; Employment Department, Housing Department, Oregon Health Authority and the Department of Transportation.** How does adding more paid days off help struggling Oregonians get the services they pay for?

*This paid holiday comes at a crisis time in government services. We also eagerly await the official fiscal impact of applying a paid day off for hundreds of thousands of government employees.*