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Senate Democrats are pushing SB 916, a bill that would allow striking workers to collect unemployment benefits—something only New York and New Jersey currently permit. Notably, those two states rank even worse than Oregon for business climate in CNBC's 2024 America's Top States for Business rankings.

Oregon's unemployment insurance system is designed to support workers who lose their jobs involuntarily, not those who choose to walk off the job. Expanding benefits to striking workers would increase costs for employers, strain an already overburdened system, and make Oregon less attractive for business investment—which is critical for job creation and economic growth.

The public hearing on SB 916 continues Tuesday, Feb. 11. We encourage Oregonians to submit testimony and contact lawmakers to oppose this misguided proposal.