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I oppose SB 916.

SB 916 changes the entire purpose of unemployment compensation. Currently, unemployment benefits are for when a worker is unemployed due to no fault or choice of the worker. This provides funds and stability to a worker while the worker seeks new employment.

SB 916 would have the effect of making workers who choose not to work, through engaging in a strike action, eligible for unemployment benefits.

SB 916 will prolong and increase the frequency of strikes. One of the deciding factors employees must make in deciding to strike is the economic consequences the loss of wages. These economic consequences force both workers and employers to take strike actions as a last resort when collective bargaining negotiations fail. Allowing unemployment benefits during a strike removes those economic consequences for one side while leaving them in place for the other.

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