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I am retired after 45 years in the private sector. I spent 12 years in a union shop (Sheetmetal Workers Local 544). The next 30 years were in a non-union shop. Union employers typically pay a higher wage & benefits than non-union. There is no good reason to pay benefits for striking employees. Under current rules, If you voluntarily leave your employment, you DO NOT qualify for unemployment benefits. When a union strikes, those members are voluntarily walking out when work is still available. It is obvious that unions contributed to your campaigns (bought their way in) or you would not even consider SB 916

Fair is fair. If you pass this into law, you better make it available to anyone who wants to leave a job for any reason. This is nothing more than another government handout. Did you not learn anything about covid relief. It made it really easy to choose fishing over going back to work for an employee that was laid off at my auto repair shop. His words to the employer who was trying to bring him back to fulltime employment, "I can make more money on unemployment than I can working, and I can go fishing". This employee did not have to meet the public, but was "afraid for his health".