

## SB 615 Encouraging Retirement Savings

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We have been following the work that has been done on crafty an Oregon Retirement Savings system and support the need. Research shows that people will use a system that is made available to them rather than having to do the research themselves and choosing one by themselves. Clearly the tax benefits of IRA savings are available now; we see no reason to change those.

Additionally, systems that request that people "opt out" have shown greater participation levels than those requiring a proactive decision. A State-sponsored system will help Oregonians prepare for their retirement and hopefully reduce the need for a safety net system that helps those who don't prepare.

We read the bills and follow the money