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Via Electronic Mail

To: **House Committee on Business and Labor; Senator:** Thatcher; **Representatives:** Post; Noble;  
[and many others]

**Re: I DO NOT SUPPORT: [HB 2786]: VOTE NO on [HB 2786].**

**[HB 2786]:** <https://olis.leg.state.or.us/liz/2019R1/Downloads/MeasureDocument/HB2786/Introduced>  
**Analysis:** <https://olis.leg.state.or.us/liz/2019R1/Downloads/MeasureAnalysisDocument/43677>

"Provides that district attorneys and deputy district attorneys qualify as Police Officers under the Public Employees Retirement System (PERS)."

You cannot "qualify" district attorneys and deputy district attorneys as Police Officers. Police Officers risk life and limb to protect us. Plus, the proposed "qualification" is not going to be received favorably by Police Officers.

Police Officers and Firefighters should all receive "medical retirements" because by the time they reach retirement, most-if not all of them, have disabilities associated with saving us from a myriad of maladies. So, Police Officers and Firefighters should be "taken-off PERS" completely and given much deserved "medical retirements."

As to the district attorneys and deputy district attorneys a very equitable retirement system should be created for them.

PERS in Oregon is an ongoing national embarrassment and definitive threat to the economic well-being of our state. The PERS debacle was created by House and Senate miscreants and has yet to be resolved by those who do not wish to be associated with the same moniker of shame.

*Respectfully submitted,*  
/s/ David S. Wall

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