

Chair Salinas and members of the health care committee:

My name is Sherrill Frank and my husband and I are both employed by the Hillsboro School District as classified staff.

I am currently on the districts Insurance Benefit Board Committee and serve on the Bargaining Team for our Hillsboro Classified United which is a local of AFT Oregon.

In these two roles I have seen wages, benefits and out of pocket expenses that our bargaining unit members either receive or incur on a monthly basis.

It is no secret that the wages a public employee in a school district receive are lower than the private sector in many cases. What balances out the lower wage rate is the added benefits that are calculated and making it a livable wage.

I personally opt out for a benefit of \$200 per month that I use towards co-pays, prescription drugs, and other medical expenses. If I lose this monthly benefit, and if as forecasted the insurance premiums rise due to Senate Bill 1067, along with the opt out monies that would no longer help everyone in our district pool, I do not know how my family would continue having medical coverage sufficient enough to cover our needs.

I urge you to support House Bill 3075 and pass it out of committee.

Sherrill Frank

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