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I am a 7th year School Counselor working in Bend LaPine Schools, and an OPSRP PERS member.

I have the best job in the world. I get to work with young people and families every day in an effort to make the world a better place. My starting salary as an educator with a two year master degree in School Counseling was just around \$40,000 a year in 2012. I don't do this job for the money, but I do want a livable salary and benefits that is a direct representation of my education. I am getting tired of teaching kids about the importance of understanding the correlation between education and salary and have to make a disclaimer about education paying less. This is also a recruitment and retention issue as well. Right now, I have one senior out of 100 that wants a career in education and I feel like I ethically can no longer advise or tell my current students that jobs in education are wonderful.

SB 1049 harms my retirement security by making unaffordable cuts to my individual account program. OPSRP members like myself would see a 7.1% cut to my IAP. Please treat those of us who educate our youth, respond to emergencies, manage our parks and our State well.