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- I am a teacher, working in the Bend LaPine School District, and a Tier 1 PERS member.
- This is my 27th year of teaching in the school district. I strongly believe in public education. Public education a guiding principle of a strong democracy. Our children are our future citizens and community members. It is our job to help them reach their infinite potential in a world that is ever changing.
- SB 1049 harms my retirement security by making unaffordable cuts to my individual account program.
- According to PERS analysis, my IAP would be cut 7.8%
- This is, in essence, a tax on my retirement benefits to pay the state's obligation to retirees.
- These cuts are unfair and illegal and hurt working people like me.
- I show up to work every day and do my job. I have kept my end of the deal. I urge you to vote NO on SB 1049 and keep your promise to people like me.
- 30% of my colleagues are eligible to retire today. If SB 1049 passes, we will have a rush of retirements and it will be a huge loss to my district and the state of Oregon. These teachers bring wisdom and their experience to the classroom and their colleagues that only comes with years teaching in the classroom.