

HB 3130

Dear Chair Holvey, Vice-Chairs, and Members of Business and Labor:

The 2019 Oregon Supreme Court ruled in *EWEB v PERB* that the entity providing the paycheck is the employer, thus changing the meaning of "in service to a public employer." (This has affected some 3,000 substitute teachers in 51 school districts/ESD's). By not paying the benefits with the money the school districts have already provided to do so, the temp agencies increase their profit, a large portion of which goes out of state.

In *EWEB v PERB* the judges worried about how many others besides Mr. Wigle might lay claim to a public retirement having worked for a public employer two years through a temp agency.

If not stopped in HB 3130, I worry how many other public employers will contract to temp agencies, not realizing that those entities are not saving them money but are stealing from the taxpayers and denying well-deserving employees their benefits.

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