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On Behalf Of: Mr Oregon OPPOSES SB 851
Committee: Senate Committee On Labor and Business
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB851

I OPPOSE [SB 851].

From the TEXT: "...(10) "Firefighter" does not include a volunteer firefighter.."

***Volunteer Firefighters are extremely dedicated, risk life and limb to preserve our houses and our safety. Their invaluable service should be recognized and codified with a PERS retirement.

From the TEXT:

"... (a) "Major fraction of a month" or "major fraction of each month" means a month

(A) In which an active member is employed for more than one-half of the total calendar days in that calendar month; and

(B) In which the member is being paid a salary by a participating public employer for hours worked in that calendar month..."

"..SECTION 4. ORS 238A.140 is amended to read: 238A.140.

(1) An active member of the pension program accrues one year of retirement credit for each complete year of service and one-twelfth of a year of retirement credit for each full month and each major fraction of a month of service..."

***These sections of the TEXT indicate, Part-time employees are entitled to a Full PERS retirement.

***PERS is one screwed-up retirement system.

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Mr. Oregon Concurr and says, "When you are on fire and slowly burning to death and a Volunteer Firefighter rescues you, consider giving the Firefighter a well deserved PERS retirement."