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Re: SB916

It's 2025, a new year, and SB 916 is the bill that is most urgent to Dems, the ruling party in Oregon. Why?

Oregon has so many problems and this is what the Dem 1-Party Rule found to be most urgent?

Who will be the most prominent gorgers gorging at this expanded unemployment trough? Why government unions of course. Those are the entities that will suck the millions out of the unemployment fund: Oregon Education Association, SEIU, AFL-CIO. Thousands on government payrolls who love to go on strike. Teachers love going on strike. Now this will make it affordable to go on long-term strikes. This will explode the unemployment insurance costs. Who will pay more? Business. The blubber government will just keep demanding more, but businesses will leave Oregon. Or I should say more businesses will leave the tax hell-hole that is the Oregon business environment.

I am incredulous that sane leaders would come up with this. But this is Oregon, the land of Debt Junkies driving Oregon off a cliff. We don't need this. Unemployment insurance is not for government unions to gorge at the trough even more, so strikes can go on forever. And that's what this bill is all about. It is a political lever to use to abuse the power of the bureaucracy.

The government payrolls have thousands who are the most entitled workforce on the planet. They expect to get paid for not showing up. This will enable them with millions of dollars that will explode the costs of unemployment for those that need it legitimately.

This SB916 bill is a big mistake. It is not needed. And whoever came up with this should be ashamed.

As if your credibility isn't already shredded. Look at Oregon. Spending BILLIONS more on schools and Oregon ranks last of all 50 states. I don't think SB-916 will help those lousy scores.

You people in the Oregon legislature [can't call you leaders] are really failing Oregon citizens.