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On Behalf Of:  
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House Committee on Rules

Re: House Bill 3595

Dear Chair Representative Bowman, Vice-Chairs Representatives Drazan and Pham and members of the Committee;

I've no idea why the sponsors of this bill think state employed Oregonians need yet another paid day off, aside from the fact that they're state employees. But now with unemployment benefits for striking workers looming on the horizon it isn't hard to guess why. It's the money.

From what I read Oregon public schools already have the shortest school year in the United States. Do students need less class time for some reason? Are they excelling? Do teachers need another paid day off?

And, traditionally—if that matters—the lunar new year, or Chinese new year as it is also known, is typically celebrated in China and other Asian countries. Not North America. It is also "celebrated" here by some as well. But that's a completely different animal than making it state paid holiday.

It is more important to stop bad legislation than it is to pass good legislation. This is bad legislation.

I urge the Committee to table this bill,

Thank you,  
Richard Wisner