

## **ACTION ALERT!**

### **Tell Legislators: Vote NO on SB 916**

The hotly contested [Senate Bill 916](#), which would provide unemployment benefits for striking workers, is **expected to have a Floor vote in the Oregon House of Representatives on Wednesday, June 4**. This will be a very closely contested vote and every voice will matter.

This bill is opposed by the [Oregon State Chamber](#), [Oregon Business & Industry](#), [Roseburg Area Chamber](#), chambers of commerce, businesses, cities, counties, school districts and more throughout Oregon. It would force taxpayers to foot the bill for striking public sector workers; and for the private sector, it would force thousands of small employers to subsidize labor disputes for much larger corporations. And, it will cost the Unemployment Fund millions every year that local businesses will shoulder.

The House Committee rejected attempts to make SB 916 mirror the Washington State bill (three-week waiting period, six-week maximum benefit) and instead passed an amendment to allow local governments to claw back UI payments in future paychecks. [Oregon school superintendents weighed in this past week to oppose the bill](#), causing additional hurdles for the bill as the issue of requiring school districts to pay for teachers to go on strike is becoming a linchpin issue on which this bill is being decided.

But as it stands now, the bill gives up to six months (!) of unemployment benefits for striking workers.

**Now is the time to email legislators and let them know the costly impact of this bill to our businesses and our community.** Use the buttons below to find the email addresses for your legislators.

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*Please reach out if you have any questions.*  
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