

HB 572 Written Testimony: Beth Tumblin
House Aging and Long Term Care Committee
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Chairman Arndt and Members of the Committee:

My name is Beth Tumblin. I am strongly in support of HB 572 that will restore a full year of service credit to County Board of Developmental Disability employees who work on a school calendar.

I am a physical therapist assistant that has worked for a County Board of DD for almost 32 years. My first 9 years of employment were considered self-employed. I have received service credit from OPERS for 23 years. During that time, my paycheck has reflected a consistent amount of OPERS pension takeout. What I am facing now, along with other non-teaching employees who work on a school calendar, is a varying amount being taken out under OPERS pension. This makes it difficult for me to budget from paycheck to paycheck.

As well, I have been planning for retirement for some time. Ultimately, this change will increase the amount of time that I need to work towards my retirement goals. I have had this yearly service credit from OPERS for 23 years. It seems quite unfair to me, for whatever reason, that OPERS is now saying that I don't get a full year when I work my typical school calendar. I believe in order to maintain quality people in the DD setting, this needs to be reinstated.

If you have any further questions or comments, please feel free to contact me.

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