

Oregon AFL-CIO 2005 COPE Voting Record For The Seventy-Third Legislative Assembly

Bill Descriptions

The following bills were used to rate state legislators on a wide range of the issues important to working families in Oregon. Each such bill came to a vote on the floor of one or both chambers of the legislature during the 2005 session.

Good Jobs

SB 71-C – Transportation Projects. Funds Gov. Kulongoski's "Connect Oregon" package with \$100 million in lottery bonds for improvements to railroads, airports and other non-highway projects. Passed the Senate 30-0. Passed the House 57-0. *Expected to be signed by the Governor.* **Right vote: Yes.**

SB 358-A – Jobs in the Woods. Would have created demonstration projects for state agencies to carry out natural resource restoration projects that create high quality jobs in rural areas. *Passed the Senate 28-0. In House Committee upon adjournment.* **Right vote: Yes.**

SB 477-B – Prevailing Wages. Updates and improves the state's prevailing wage law for publicly-funded construction projects. Raises the exemption threshold from \$25,000 to \$50,000 per project. Requires payment of the higher of state or federal rates on projects subject to both state and federal prevailing wage laws. Requires contractors to post a \$30,000 bond that can be used to pay wage claims on a project. *Passed the Senate 28-0. Passed the House 53-1. Signed by the Governor.* **Right vote: Yes.**

SB 1006-A – Lowest Responsible Bidder. Requires public contracting agencies to document the determination of the lowest responsible bidder and submit the information to the Construction Contractors Board. *Passed the Senate 25-1. Passed the House 53-0. Signed by the Governor.* **Right vote: Yes.**

Right to Organize

SB 426-A – Majority Sign-Up for Union Representation. Would have required public employers to recognize unions when a majority of workers in an appropriate bargaining unit sign written authorizations to form a union. *Passed the Senate 17-13. In House Committee upon adjournment.* **Right vote: Yes.**

HB 3258 – Farm Worker Bargaining Rights. Would have prohibited the use of secondary boycotts by farm labor organizations and forced farm workers to accept rules for union representation that are unworkable for seasonal workers. *Passed the House 33-24. In Senate Committee upon adjournment.* **Right vote: No.**

Fair and Adequate Taxes

SB 887-B – Special Tax Shelter for Nike. Would establish a special 30-year exemption from annexation and taxation by the City of Beaverton for four corporations on the borders of that city -- Nike, Columbia Sportswear, Tektronics and ESI. Would apply to no other taxpayers on the city's borders. *Passed the Senate 17-13. Passed the House 44-14. Governor had not signed as of 8/23.* **Right vote: No**

SB 1083-A – Tax Credit for Minimum Wage Jobs. Would provide a tax break for farmers and ranchers for complying with the state's minimum wage law. Started out as an apparently modest tax break to reduce labor costs for agricultural employers, with a price tag of \$6.6 million over four years, but turned into a hastily amended and far-from-modest giveaway to those employers that would cost the state treasury \$137.8 million – enough to pay for six days of school for every K-12 student in the state. *Passed the Senate 25-4. Passed the House 33-27. Governor had not signed as of 8/23.* **Right vote: No.**

HB 2332-A – Tax Cut on Investment Profits. Would have reduced the state's income tax rates on investment profits to one-half of the amount that working families pay on their paychecks. Would have cost the state treasury more than \$200 million per year when fully implemented – enough to pay for two weeks of school for every K-12 student in the state. *Passed the House 34-25. In Senate Committee upon adjournment.* **Right vote: No.**

HB 2450-A – K-12 School Funding Formula. Would have established a ceiling on future state support for schools at an amount school funding advocates called inadequate for Oregon's school districts. Would have shifted more of the obligation for funding schools to working families by excluding corporate taxes from its funding formula. *Passed the House 33-26 and was later amended in the Senate to deal only with facility grants from the State School Fund.* **Right vote: No.**

HB 2542-A – Corporate Tax Breaks. Would have applied new corporate tax breaks enacted by the U.S. Congress to Oregon's tax system at a cost of \$19 million over four years. *Passed the House 37-23. This bill was in Conference Committee upon adjournment.* **Right vote: No.**

HB 2542-B – Federal Tax Code Changes. Would have rejected the new corporate tax breaks enacted by the U.S. Congress and contained in the House version of this bill (see above). Also, would have increased the state's Earned Income Tax Credit for low-income working families. *Passed the Senate 18-12. This bill was in Conference Committee upon adjournment. (Note: A compromise bill rejected one of the two corporate tax breaks and adopted improvements to the Earned Income Tax Credit.)* **Right vote: Yes.**

Affordable Health Care

SB 1 – Mental Health Parity. Requires health insurers to provide the same level of insurance coverage for mental illnesses as they do for physical ailments. *Passed the Senate 23-6. Passed the House 59-1. Signed by the Governor.* **Right vote: Yes.**

SB 329-A – Oregon Prescription Drug Program. Would have allowed private sector employers/employees access to lower prescription drug prices through participation in the Oregon Prescription Drug Program purchasing pool. *Passed the Senate 19-11. A motion to withdraw this bill from committee for an immediate vote on the House floor failed 26-32. In House Committee upon adjournment.* **Right vote: Yes.**

SB 639-A – Oregon Educators Benefit Board. Would have created a statewide health insurance pool for all school district employees to be administered by the Oregon Educators Benefit Board appointed by the Governor. By combining their purchasing power, school districts could have saved upwards of \$65 million per year in health insurance premiums. *Passed the Senate 18-11. In House Committee upon adjournment.* **Right vote: Yes.**

Jobless Benefits

HB 2127 – Unemployment Insurance Funding. Reduces Unemployment Insurance (UI) tax rates for employers and boosts funding for employment services through the Supplemental Employment Department Administrative Fund. *Passed the House 58-0. Passed the Senate 28-0. Signed by the Governor.* **Right vote: Yes.**

HB 3305-A – Unemployment Insurance Extension. Provides 6 weeks of additional Unemployment Insurance (UI) benefits for some 17,000 jobless workers who had exhausted their UI benefits. *Passed the House 51-0. Passed the Senate 26-0. Signed by the Governor.* **Right vote: Yes.**

Workers' Rights on the Job

SB 147 – Safety and Health Complaints. Would have extended the current 30-day limit to 90 days for workers to file complaints over retaliation for filing workplace safety complaints under the Oregon Safe Employment Act. *Passed the Senate 17-11. In House Committee upon adjournment.* **Right vote: Yes.**

SB 148 – Family Leave Requests. Would have clarified the Oregon Family Leave Act by incorporating into law rules and court decisions that protect employees for inquiring about or requesting to take family leave. *Passed the Senate 20-7. In House Committee upon adjournment.* **Right vote: Yes.**

SB 323 – Workers and Independent Contractors. Revises and updates the definitions that distinguish an employee from an independent contractor while retaining key requirements that must be met to be considered an independent contractor and allowing for greater consistency among state agencies. *Passed the Senate 30-0. Passed the House 59-0. Signed by the Governor.* **Right vote: Yes.**

Social Security

SM 1 – Protect Social Security. Urges Congress to repay the Social Security trust fund, to study and enact reforms to Social Security that would ensure continuation of income protection and economic security, and to reject diversion of Social Security moneys to fund private accounts. *Passed the Senate 18-12.* **Right vote: Yes.**

Injured Workers

SB 311-B – Medical Exams for Injured Workers. Provides state oversight of the Independent Medical Examination system used to determine injured workers' eligibility for workers' compensation benefits, sets ethical standards for the doctors, and creates a certification process for the program. *Passed the Senate 29-0. Passed the House 58-0. Signed by the Governor.* **Right vote: Yes.**

SB 644 – Family Leave for Injured Workers. Would have prevented employers from forcing injured workers to count family leave as part of their workers' compensation benefits. *Passed the Senate 18-7. In House Committee upon adjournment.* **Right vote: Yes.**

Voting Rights

HB 2583 – Voter Registration Requirements. Would have established new requirements, and barriers, to registering to vote in the form of passports or copies of birth certificates. *Passed the House 31-25. In Senate Committee upon adjournment.* **Right vote: No.**

HB 2583-A – Payments for Voter Registrations. Would have prohibited individuals from receiving payments based on the number of signed voter registration cards they collect. *Failed in the House 26-31.* **Right vote: Yes.**

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Senator	Party-District	SB 71	SB 358	SB 477	SB 1006	SB 426	SB 887	SB 1083	HB 2542-B	SB 1	SB 329	SB 639	HB 2127	HB 3305	SB 147	SB 148	SB 323	SM 1	SB 311	SB 644	Right-Wrong	2005 % Right	Senator
Jason Atkinson	R-2	R	R	R	R	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	R	R	W	W	R	W	R	W	9-10	47	Jason Atkinson
Alan Bates	D-3	R	R	R	A	R	R	W	R	R	R	R	R	R	E	R	R	R	R	R	16-1	94	Alan Bates
Roger Beyer	R-9	R	R	R	R	W	R	W	W	W	W	W	R	R	W	W	R	W	R	W	9-10	47	Roger Beyer
Kate Brown	D-21	R	R	R	R	R	W	W	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	17-2	89	Kate Brown
Ginny Burdick	D-18	R	R	R	A	R	R	E	R	R	R	R	E	R	R	R	R	R	R	E	15-0	100	Ginny Burdick
Margaret Carter	D-22	R	R	R	R	R	W	W	R	R	R	R	R	L	R	R	R	R	R	R	16-2	89	Margaret Carter
Peter Courtney	D-11	R	R	R	R	R	W	W	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	17-2	89	Peter Courtney
Ryan Deckert	D-14	R	R	R	R	R	W	W	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	17-2	89	Ryan Deckert
Richard Devlin	D-19	R	R	R	R	R	W	W	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	E	R	R	R	R	16-2	89	Richard Devlin
Ted Ferrioli	R-30	R	R	R	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	L	W	W	R	W	R	L	7-10	41	Ted Ferrioli
Gary George	R-12	R	R	R	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	R	W	W	R	W	R	L	8-10	44	Gary George
Avel Gordly	D-23	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	L	R	17-1	94	Avel Gordly
Betsy Johnson	D-16	R	A	R	R	R	W	W	R	R	R	R	L	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	15-2	88	Betsy Johnson
Jeff Kruse	R-1	R	R	R	R	W	R	W	W	W	W	W	R	R	W	E	R	W	R	W	9-9	50	Jeff Kruse
Rick Metsger	D-26	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	18-1	95	Rick Metsger
L. Monnes Anderson	D-25	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	18-1	95	L. Monnes Anderson
Bill Morrisette	D-6	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	19-0	100	Bill Morrisette
Frank Morse	R-8	R	R	R	R	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	R	R	W	R	R	W	R	E	10-8	56	Frank Morse
David Nelson	D-29	R	E	R	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	R	W	W	R	W	R	W	7-11	39	David Nelson
Floyd Prozanski	D-4	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	18-1	95	Floyd Prozanski
Charlie Ringo	D-17	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	19-0	100	Charlie Ringo
Kurt Schrader	D-20	R	R	R	R	W	R	W	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	17-2	89	Kurt Schrader
Frank Shields	D-24	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	E	R	R	R	R	R	R	18-0	100	Frank Shields
Bruce Starr	R-15	R	R	R	R	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	R	R	W	L	R	W	R	W	9-9	50	Bruce Starr
Charles Starr	R-13	R	R	E	E	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	R	W	W	R	W	R	E	6-10	38	Charles Starr
Joanne Verger	D-5	R	R	R	R	W	R	W	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	17-2	89	Joanne Verger
Vicki Walker	D-7	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	18-1	95	Vicki Walker
Ben Westlund	R-27	R	R	R	R	R	W	W	W	R	R	W	R	R	W	R	R	W	R	R	13-6	68	Ben Westlund
Doug Whitsett	R-28	R	R	R	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	R	R	W	W	R	W	R	W	8-11	42	Doug Whitsett
Jackie Winters	R-10	R	R	E	E	W	W	W	W	E	W	E	R	L	E	R	R	W	R	W	6-7	46	Jackie Winters

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Robert Ackerman	D-13	R	R	R	W	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	16-1	94	Robert Ackerman
Gordon Anderson	R-3	R	R	R	W	W	W	R	W	R	R	R	R	W	W	W	W	W	8-9	47	Gordon Anderson
Brad Avakian	D-34	R	R	R	W	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	E	R	R	15-1	94	Brad Avakian
Jeff Barker	D-28	E	R	R	E	R	W	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	14-1	93	Jeff Barker
Phil Barnhart	D-11	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	E	R	R	R	R	R	16-0	100	Phil Barnhart
Vicki Berger	R-20	R	R	R	W	R	W	R	W	R	R	R	R	W	R	W	W	W	10-7	59	Vicki Berger
Terry Beyer	D-12	R	E	E	R	R	R	R	R	R	E	R	R	R	R	R	E	R	13-0	100	Terry Beyer
Deborah Boone	R-32	R	R	R	R	W	W	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	W	R	R	R	13-4	76	Deborah Boone
Brian Boquist	R-23	R	R	R	W	W	W	R	W	R	E	R	R	W	W	W	E	E	7-7	50	Brian Boquist
Alan Brown	R-10	R	R	R	W	W	W	R	W	R	R	R	R	W	W	W	W	W	8-9	47	Alan Brown
Scott Bruun	R-37	R	R	R	W	W	W	R	W	R	R	R	R	W	W	W	E	E	8-7	53	Scott Bruun
Peter Buckley	D-5	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	17-0	100	Peter Buckley
Chuck Burley	R-54	R	R	R	W	W	W	R	W	E	E	R	R	W	W	W	W	W	6-9	40	Chuck Burley
Tom Butler	R-60	R	R	E	W	W	W	R	W	R	R	R	R	W	W	W	W	W	7-9	44	Tom Butler
Kevin Cameron	R-19	R	R	R	R	W	W	R	W	R	R	R	R	W	W	W	W	W	9-8	53	Kevin Cameron
John Dallum	R-59	R	R	R	W	W	W	R	W	R	R	R	R	W	E	W	W	W	8-8	50	John Dallum
Billy Dalto	R-21	R	R	R	W	R	W	R	W	R	R	R	R	W	W	W	W	W	9-8	53	Billy Dalto
Jackie Dingfelder	D-45	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	17-0	100	Jackie Dingfelder
Sal Esquivel	R-6	R	R	R	W	W	W	R	W	R	R	R	R	W	W	W	W	W	8-9	47	Sal Esquivel
Debi Farr	R-14	R	R	R	W	R	W	R	W	R	R	R	R	W	W	W	W	W	9-8	53	Debi Farr
Linda Flores	D-51	R	R	R	W	W	W	R	W	R	E	R	R	W	W	W	W	W	7-9	44	Linda Flores
Larry Galizio	D-35	R	R	R	W	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	16-1	94	Larry Galizio
Bill Garrard	R-56	R	R	L	W	W	W	R	W	R	R	R	R	W	W	W	W	W	7-9	44	Bill Garrard
George Gilman	R-55	R	R	R	W	W	W	R	W	R	R	R	R	W	W	W	W	W	8-9	47	George Gilman
Mitch Greenlick	D-33	R	R	R	W	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	16-1	94	Mitch Greenlick
Bruce Hanna	R-7	R	R	R	W	W	W	R	W	R	R	R	R	W	W	W	W	W	8-9	47	Bruce Hanna
Gary Hansen	D-44	R	R	R	W	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	16-1	94	Gary Hansen
Mark Hass	D-27	R	R	R	W	R	R	R	R	R	E	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	15-1	94	Mark Hass

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Paul Holvey	D-8	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	17-0	100	Paul Holvey
Dave Hunt	D-40	R	R	R	W	W	R	R	A	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	R	R	13-3	81	Dave Hunt
Bob Jenson	R-58	R	R	R	W	W	W	R	W	R	R	R	E	W	W	W	W	W	7-9	44	Bob Jenson
Derrick Kitts	R-30	R	R	R	W	W	W	R	W	R	R	R	R	E	W	W	W	W	8-8	50	Derrick Kitts
Betty Komp	D-22	R	R	R	W	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	16-1	94	Betty Komp
Wayne Krieger	R-1	R	R	R	W	W	W	R	W	R	R	R	R	W	W	W	W	W	8-9	47	Wayne Krieger
Jeff Kropf	R-17	R	A	R	W	W	W	W	A	R	R	R	R	W	W	W	W	W	6-9	40	Jeff Kropf
Jerry Krummel	R-26	R	R	R	W	W	W	R	W	R	R	R	R	W	W	W	W	W	8-9	47	Jerry Krummel
John Lim	R-50	E	E	E	E	W	W	R	W	R	R	R	R	E	W	W	W	W	5-7	42	John Lim
Greg Macpherson	D-38	R	R	R	W	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	R	R	R	15-2	88	Greg Macpherson
Steve March	D-46	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	E	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	16-0	100	Steve March
Jeff Merkley	D-47	R	R	R	W	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	16-1	94	Jeff Merkley
Karen Minnis	R-49	R	L	L	W	W	W	R	W	R	R	L	R	W	W	W	W	W	5-9	36	Karen Minnis
Susan Morgan	R-2	E	R	R	W	W	W	R	W	L	R	R	R	W	W	W	W	W	6-9	40	Susan Morgan
Donna Nelson	R-24	R	R	R	W	W	W	R	W	R	R	R	R	W	W	W	W	W	8-9	47	Donna Nelson
Mary Nolan	D-36	R	L	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	16-0	100	Mary Nolan
Andy Olson	R-15	R	R	R	W	W	W	R	W	R	R	R	R	W	W	W	W	W	8-9	47	Andy Olson
Dennis Richardson	R-4	R	R	R	W	W	W	R	W	R	R	R	R	W	W	W	W	W	8-9	47	Dennis Richardson
Chuck Riley	D-29	R	R	R	W	R	W	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	15-2	88	Chuck Riley
Arnie Roblan	D-9	R	R	R	W	R	R	R	R	R	E	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	15-1	94	Arnie Roblan
Diane Rosenbaum	D-42	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	17-0	100	Diane Rosenbaum
Mike Schaufler	D-48	R	R	R	W	W	W	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	R	R	13-4	76	Mike Schaufler
Wayne Scott	R-39	R	R	L	W	W	W	R	W	R	R	R	R	W	W	W	W	W	7-9	44	Wayne Scott
Chip Shields	D-43	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	17-0	100	Chip Shields
Greg Smith	R-57	R	R	R	W	W	W	R	W	R	R	R	R	W	W	W	W	W	8-9	47	Greg Smith
Patti Smith	R-52	R	R	R	W	W	W	R	W	R	E	R	R	W	W	W	W	W	7-9	44	Patti Smith
Mac Sumner	R-18	R	R	R	W	W	W	R	W	R	E	R	R	W	W	W	W	W	7-9	44	Mac Sumner
Kim Thatcher	R-25	R	W	R	W	W	W	R	W	R	R	R	R	W	W	W	W	W	7-10	41	Kim Thatcher
Carolyn Tomei	D-41	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	E	R	R	E	E	14-0	100	Carolyn Tomei
Gene Whisnant	R-53	R	R	R	R	W	W	R	W	R	R	R	R	W	W	W	W	W	9-8	53	Gene Whisnant
Kelley Wirth	D-16	R	A	A	W	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	14-1	93	Kelley Wirth
Brad Witt	D-31	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	17-0	100	Brad Witt



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