



2018 Legislative Scorecard

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A FAILURE TO ADDRESS OREGON'S MOST PRESSING PROBLEMS

SEIU members won several key victories in the 2017 legislative session. We passed laws that will improve conditions for many working Oregonians, including janitors, homecare workers, security offices, and ODOT crews. Legislators also made a much-needed investment in Oregon's child welfare program.

The Legislature passed 3 out of 5 issues on the Fair Shot agenda, helping improve the lives of thousands of Oregonians and moving us closer to our goal of giving every Oregonian a fair shot at success.

However, in a session dominated by the need to fill a \$1.4 billion budget deficit, too little was done to protect Oregon's most vulnerable residents. SEIU members at DHS, homecare workers, and personal support workers - and the consumers and communities they serve - bore the brunt of the Legislature's cuts. Seniors, people with disabilities, and low-income families across Oregon are worse off today than they were before session began.

The Legislature also failed to protect renters by addressing the housing crisis. The lack of action on this issue negates much of the hard work SEIU, our partners, and legislators have done to lift up low-income people. A higher minimum wage or a better union contract has no real impact on a family if their rent jumps by 50 percent or a no-cause eviction forces them into higher-cost housing.

While a majority of the House and some senators fought hard to address our state's housing crisis and to pass a long-term revenue solution, the failure to move legislation on those critical issues will negatively impact thousands of SEIU members in Oregon.



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SEIU Legislative Champions

In our 2018 Legislative Scorecard, SEIU members highlight legislative champions who supported our union's organizing, helped workers raise standards by engaging in bargaining, and sponsored bills addressing SEIU members key priorities.



Senator Sara Gelser
Democrat - District 8 - Corvallis, Albany, Philomath, Millersburg, Tangent, and parts of Linn and Benton County



Senator James Manning Jr.
Democrat - District 7 - North Eugene, West Eugene, Santa Clara, and Junction City



Representative Teresa Alonso León
Democrat - District 22 - Woodburn



Representative Phil Barnhart
Democrat - District 11 - Central Lane and Linn Counties



Representative Margaret Doherty
Democrat - District 35 - Tigard



Representative Chris Gorsek
Democrat - District 49 - Troutdale



Representative Mitch Greenlick
Democrat - District 33 - Portland



Representative Diego Hernandez
Democrat - District 47 - Portland



Representative Paul Holvey
Democrat - District 08 - Eugene



Representative Alissa Keny-Guyer
Democrat - District 46 - Portland



Speaker Tina Kotek
Democrat - District 44 - N/NE Portland



Former Representative Ann Lininger



Representative Sheri Malstrom
Democrat - District 27 - Beaverton



Representative Susan McLain
Democrat - District 29 - Hillsboro



Representative Mark Meek
Democrat - District 40 - Clackamas County



Representative Nancy Nathanson
Democrat - District 13 - Eugene



Representative Rob Nosse
Democrat - District 42 - Portland



Representative Karin A. Power
Democrat - District 41 - Milwaukie



Representative Carla Piluso
Democrat - District 50 - Gresham



Representative Dan Rayfield
Democrat - District 16 - Corvallis



Representative Tawna Sanchez
Democrat - District 43 - Portland



Representative Barbara Smith Warner
Democrat - District 45 - Portland



Majority Leader Jennifer Williamson
Democrat - District 36 - Portland

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SEIU'S 2017 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA



Revenue

Too little was done by the Legislature to address our structural budget problems. Today, Oregon's corporate taxes remain among the lowest in the nation. Our state's most vulnerable – children, seniors, and people with disabilities – bear the brunt of our inaction on revenue reform. The House did vote to fix the runaway "schedule E" tax break. However, the Senate failed to carry the measure.



Affordable Housing

Oregon is facing a crisis when it comes to affordable housing. Over 40 percent of Oregonians are renters, including tens of thousands of SEIU members. Oregon's housing crisis is exacerbated by a continuous stream of no-cause evictions, rent hikes that exceed wage growth, and state policies that fail to protect tenants. These policies disproportionately affect women, families, and people of color. The Senate's failure to pass tenant protections is a tragedy for Oregon's working families.



Homecare Non-Compete

The common, albeit illegal, practice of forcing homecare workers and consumers to sign non-compete contracts limits consumer choice and lowers the quality of care Oregon's seniors and people with disabilities receive. SB 949 ends this practice, improving the quality of homecare services in Oregon.



Reforming Group Homes

Thousands of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities live in group homes in Oregon. HB 2684 will improve the quality of services in these homes by addressing turnover in the workforce and strengthening the enforcement of existing laws around abuse and neglect.



Assault & Harassment Prevention

Oregon has one of the highest rates of sexual assault in the country, and more than 8 percent of assaults in the United States occur at work. It's especially dangerous for women in the janitorial industry who work alone at night. HB 3279 will strengthen protections for workers in the property services industry by requiring contractors to register and comply with Oregon's labor and employment laws, in addition to requiring employers to train managers and workers on how to prevent sexual assault. This will also prevent fly-by-night contractors from entering the market.



Child Welfare Funding

Oregon's child welfare program is in a state of crisis. Despite the budget pressures, Oregon's lawmakers realized the need to invest in better outcomes for our state's most vulnerable children. Lawmakers were very open to SEIU members' input on how new resources were allocated, and even made use of a member survey in shaping their decisions.



Protecting Healthcare

HB 2391 was a bipartisan solution that will protect healthcare for 350,000 Oregonians and keep premiums low for another 250,000. The legislation brings us closer than ever before to providing affordable healthcare to every Oregonian. That's why Democrats, Republicans, businesses, and healthcare advocates applauded the legislation.

Fair Shot Agenda

✓ Cover All Kids – SB 558

✓ Reproductive Health Equity – HB 3391

✓ Ending Profiling – HB 2355

x Paid Family & Medical Leave

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2017 BUDGET

The 2017 budget represents a failure to address one of Oregon's most pressing problems: the need for a long-term revenue solution. The people who will suffer as a result of this failure are Oregon's seniors, people with disabilities, and low-income families.

A few of the impacts of the 2017 budget:

- Nearly 1,200 seniors and people with disabilities will be barred from accessing services.
- Hours reductions and the elimination of the live-in program will force seniors and people with disabilities to move into more expensive, facility-based care settings. Some family care providers will work without compensation, putting financial strain on low-income families.
- Crisis support and training services for personal support workers will be cut, resulting in lower quality supports for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.
- 500 children with intellectual and developmental disabilities will lose services provided by the family support program.

Meanwhile, Oregon's corporate taxes remain among the lowest in the nation. Many corporations get away without paying any taxes at all. Although without company-specific corporate tax disclosure, we don't know which companies are taking advantage of the state. We do know that in aggregate, the share of revenues paid by corporations has declined steadily for decades, coinciding with decades of disinvestment from schools and public services. Today, individuals and families pay 94 percent of the state's general fund, while corporations pay just 6 percent.

The time for corporate tax reform is long overdue. Until our legislators muster the political will to take on large corporations, our state's schools and services will continue to suffer.

PROTECTING PUBLIC EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION

Despite a high-profile, politically motivated attack on public employee compensation, the Legislature mostly held the line and protected tens of thousands of Oregon families from cuts. We applaud the efforts of legislators who held thoughtful conversations about compensation that were not driven by politics.

While most of the bills attacking public employees died, SB 1067 did pass. The bill made unilateral changes to SEIU members' healthcare with no debate. This bill passed in spite of our opposition.

Across the country, we have seen a decades-long, race-to-the-bottom approach to worker compensation. Stagnant wages, dwindling retirement plans, and healthcare with large out-of-pocket costs are the norm. These changes have driven corporate profits up while shrinking the middle class and fueling the rise of income inequality. This is exactly the kind of thing legislators should be fighting against.

Public sector jobs are some of the last remaining jobs that provide a secure retirement and good healthcare benefits. Tens of thousands of Oregon families are better off as a result. That's worth fighting to protect.

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HOW GRADES WERE DETERMINED

The following grades are based on a legislator's votes, organizing and bargaining work on behalf of SEIU members, leadership on key issues such as sponsoring a bill or separating themselves as a "leader" beyond simply voting yes, and willingness to meet and engage with SEIU members when they came to the Capitol. If legislators sponsored bills that SEIU opposed, such as anti-immigration bills, anti-labor bills, and bills to roll back the minimum wage, it was taken into account in their grades. These grades do not reflect a legislator's entire body of work. Rather, they represent a legislator's commitment to SEIU and our partners' priorities during the 2018 session.

Two SEIU priority issues were taken up by the House but not by the Senate: HB 2004, which would have prevented no-cause evictions and allowed local governments to manage the rent crisis on their own; and HB 2060, the only revenue measure put to a vote in the Legislature. House members were credited for their votes on these bills, and since these bills were never given a vote in the Senate, they were treated as no votes for all Senators.

Grade Scales

- A+** These are true champions for working people in Oregon and receive an automatic endorsement from SEIU members. Requirements: These legislators have a near perfect voting record (absences are allowed). They also go above and beyond by completing at least 2 organizing, bargaining or leadership asks. Legislators also receive bonus points for sponsoring or championing our priority bills.
- A** Requirements: These legislators have a near perfect voting record and were awarded additional points for organizing, bargaining, sponsoring and leadership.
- B** Requirements: These legislators may have a good voting record, but did little for SEIU members above and beyond simply voting on bills.
- C** Requirements: These legislators voted for most SEIU priority bills.
- D** Requirements: These legislators voted against a majority of SEIU priority bills.
- F** Requirements: These legislators championed bills attacking working families in Oregon.

Legislators were scored based on their votes on the following bills: Trauma Informed Training (HB 2401), Referrals (SB 229), Affordable Housing (HB 2004), Profiling (HB 2355), Reproductive Health Equity (HB 3391), Cover All Kids (SB 558), Healthcare Protections (HB 2391), Hospital Rate Review (SB 419), Fair Scheduling (SB 828), Cultural Competency (HB 2864), Right To A Union For Higher Ed Faculty (HB 3170), Immigration (HB 3464), Ban on Local Govt. Right to Work (SB 1040), Assault & Harassment On The Job (HB 3279), Security officers DPSST Change (SB 39), Pass-Through Change (HB 2060), Safety and Savings (HB 3078), Cost Containment (SB 1067), Responsible Contracting, Discrimination, Sexual Assault and Harassment Policy (HB 3060), Move Over Law (SB 34), Regulations for group homes (HB 2684), Homecare Non-Compete (SB 949), Road Worker Safety (HB 2721).

THE SENATE - 2018 LEGISLATIVE SCORECARD

| Legislator | District | Party | Grade |
|---------------------------|----------|-------|-------|
| Herman Baertschiger Jr. | 2 | R | F |
| Lee Beyer | 6 | D | A |
| Brian Boquist | 12 | R | F |
| Ginny Burdick | 18 | D | A |
| Peter Courtney | 11 | D | B |
| Alan DeBoer | 3 | R | D |
| Michael Dembrow | 23 | D | A |
| Richard Devlin | 19 | D | A |
| Ted Ferrioli | 30 | R | F |
| Lew Frederick | 22 | D | B |
| Sara Gelser | 8 | D | A+ |
| Fred Girod | 9 | R | F |
| Bill Hansell | 29 | R | F |
| Mark Hass | 14 | D | B |
| Betsy Johnson | 16 | D | D |
| Tim Knopp | 27 | R | F |
| Jeff Kruse | 1 | R | F |
| Dennis Linthicum | 28 | R | F |
| James Manning Jr. | 7 | D | A+ |
| Laurie Monnes Anderson | 25 | D | A |
| Rod Monroe | 24 | D | B |
| Alan Olsen | 20 | R | F |
| Floyd Prozanski | 4 | D | A |
| Chuck Riley | 15 | D | A |
| Arnie Roblan | 5 | D | A |
| Elizabeth Steiner Hayward | 17 | D | A |
| Kathleen Taylor | 21 | D | A |
| Kim Thatcher | 13 | R | F |
| Chuck Thomsen | 26 | R | F |
| Jackie Winters | 10 | R | D |

THE HOUSE - 2018 LEGISLATIVE SCORECARD

| Legislator | District | Party | Grade |
|--------------------|----------|-------|-------|
| Teresa Alonso Leon | 22 | D | A+ |
| Jeff Barker | 28 | D | A |
| Phil Barnhart | 11 | D | A+ |
| Greg Barreto | 58 | R | F |
| Cliff Bentz | 60 | R | F |
| Deborah Boone | 32 | D | D |
| David Brock Smith | 1 | R | F |
| Knute Buehler | 54 | R | F |
| Janelle Bynum | 51 | D | A |
| Brian Clem | 21 | D | B |
| Margaret Doherty | 35 | D | A+ |
| Sal Esquivel | 6 | R | F |
| Paul Evans | 20 | D | A |
| Julie Fahey | 14 | D | A |
| David Gomberg | 10 | D | A |
| Chris Gorsek | 49 | D | A+ |
| Mitch Greenlick | 33 | D | A+ |
| Jodi Hack | 19 | R | D |
| Cedric Hayden | 7 | R | F |
| Dallas Heard | 2 | R | D |
| Ken Helm | 34 | D | A |
| Diego Hernandez | 47 | D | A+ |
| Paul Holvey | 8 | D | A+ |
| John Huffman | 59 | R | D |
| Mark Johnson | 52 | R | F |
| Bill Kennemer | 39 | R | F |
| Alissa Keny-Guyer | 46 | D | A+ |
| Tina Kotek | 44 | D | A+ |
| Rick Lewis | 18 | R | F |
| Ann Lininger | 38 | D | A+ |

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| Legislator | District | Party | Grade |
|----------------------|----------|-------|-------|
| John Lively | 12 | D | B |
| Sheri Malstrom | 27 | D | A+ |
| Pam Marsh | 5 | D | A |
| Caddy McKeown | 9 | D | B |
| Susan McLain | 29 | D | A+ |
| Mike McLane | 55 | R | F |
| Mark Meek | 40 | D | A+ |
| Nancy Nathanson | 13 | D | A+ |
| Mike Nearman | 23 | R | F |
| Ron Noble | 24 | R | F |
| Rob Nosse | 43 | D | A+ |
| Andy Olson | 15 | R | D |
| Julie Parrish | 37 | R | F |
| Carla Piluso | 50 | D | A+ |
| Bill Post | 25 | R | F |
| Karin Power | 41 | D | A+ |
| Dan Rayfield | 16 | D | A+ |
| Jeff Reardon | 48 | D | A |
| Tawna Sanchez | 43 | D | A+ |
| Greg Smith | 57 | R | D |
| Barbara Smith Warner | 45 | D | A+ |
| Janeen Sollman | 30 | D | A |
| Sherrie Sprenger | 17 | R | F |
| Duane Stark | 4 | R | D |
| A. Richard Vial | 26 | R | D |
| E. Werner Reschke | 56 | R | F |
| Gene Whisnant | 53 | R | F |
| Jennifer Williamson | 36 | D | A+ |
| Carl Wilson | 3 | R | F |
| Brad Witt | 31 | D | B |