

AFT-OREGON LEGISLATIVE AGENDA 2017 PROGRESS REPORT

Each legislative session, AFT-Oregon works in Salem to advance the interests of our 15,000 members, fellow labor unions, and allied community groups. We also fight harmful, anti-worker policies, like attacks on a dignified retirement. Our legislative priorities are guided by the AFT-Oregon Constitution and resolutions passed by members at our annual convention, and put into action by the AFT-Oregon Political and Legislative Affairs Committee after a careful analysis.

The 2017 legislative session had some major wins and losses for workers across the state. This scorecard reflects progress on AFT-Oregon's 2017 Legislative Agenda. Many of these priorities are part of a larger coalition, to which AFT-Oregon belongs. Despite a challenging budget climate, several unique coalitions of community and labor groups accomplished a great deal for working families during the 2017 Oregon Legislative Session. Most notably, AFT-Oregon was responsible for a historic victory to provide union rights to all public university faculty. It was one of the only bills in the nation this year to expand access to union rights. Unfortunately, there is still work to be done to fully invest in education, create stronger tenant protections, provide access to affordable health insurance for all faculty, and more.

AFT-OREGON LEGISLATIVE AGENDA VICTORIES

- **HB 3170: Public University Faculty Voice**
 - » Expanded access to collective bargaining for public university faculty.
- **SB 1040: The Rural Oregon Worker Protection Act**
 - » Protected workers against so called "Right to Work" attacks at the local level.
- **SB 206: Community College Faculty Fairness**
 - » Allows community colleges to adopt fair rules around outside compensation for faculty.
- **HB 3318: Work Shouldn't Hurt**
 - » Ensures individuals working with students are provided with the necessary information to avoid injury.
- **Fair Shot For All Agenda:
Reproductive Health Equity, End Profiling, Cover All Kids**
 - » Extended a full range of reproductive healthcare to all women regardless of income.
 - » Created and funded a mechanism for tracking and correcting patterns of profiling by law enforcement.
 - » Extended healthcare access to all low-income children regardless of documentation status.
- **Defended Against PERS Attacks**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- **Fully Funding Education and Making Corporations Pay Their Fair Share in Taxes**
 - » Failure to raise revenue means we will continue to shortchange students, staff and educators, while big corporations continue to pay some of the lowest taxes in the country.
- **SB 196: Access to Affordable Health Insurance for Part-Time Faculty**
- **SB 813: Shared Public University Governance for Graduate Employees**
- **Paid Family Leave**
- **Renter Protections**

2017 AFT-OREGON LEGISLATIVE CHAMPIONS

This year we chose to recognize legislators in both the Oregon Senate and House who went above and beyond for our members during the 2017 session of the Oregon Legislature. To select the lawmakers, we took into account votes on bills and legislators' actions that helped or hindered each of the bills we count. We also took into account legislators who are willing to stand up for workers outside of the legislative process.

OREGON SENATE



Ginny Burdick
(Portland)



Michael Dembrow
(Portland)



Arnie Roblan
(Coos Bay)



Sara Gelser
(Corvallis)

OREGON HOUSE



Tina Kotek
(Portland)



Jennifer Williamson
(Portland)



Paul Holvey
(Eugene)



Dan Rayfield
(Corvallis)



Margaret Doherty
(Tigard)



Barbara Smith Warner
(Portland)



Chris Gorsek
(Troutdale)

BE A MEMBER ADVOCATE

Victories in the Oregon Legislature only happen when members stand up and take action. Thank you to the hundreds of members of AFT-Oregon who wrote, emailed, or called their legislators about issues like PERS and a voice on the job for public university faculty. If you have questions about an issue or want to get involved in the legislative process, please reach out to Political Director Marcus Swift at marcuss@aft-oregon.org.



We especially want to thank the dozens of members who showed up to rallies on the capitol steps, attended legislative hearings, testified on behalf of a bill, or met with their legislator at a lobby day. The following members attended three or more legislative events during the 2017 session: Peter Callero, WOUFT; Michael Dreiling, UAUC; Heidi Edwards, PCCFFAP; Frank Goulard, PCCFFAP; Allison Gross, PCCFFAP; Melody Hansen, HCU; Mark Perlman, WOUFT; and Jaime Rodriguez, PCCFFAP.