

**Columbia-Pacific Building & Construction Trades Council
Endorsements for the
Oregon Primary Election
May 20**

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...Sizemore back in court; union lawsuit unsettled

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- Prohibit teaching public school students in languages other than English for more than two years.
- Base teacher pay raises and job security on classroom performance, as measured by standardized tests. [Teachers unions have fought this successfully before, persuading voters that it's a draconian proposal that would force teachers to teach to the test, and drive good teachers away from low-income schools where students don't test as well.]
- Allow up to \$35,000 a year in improvements to property without a building permit.
- Prohibit public employee union members from using paycheck deduction to contribute to their unions' political campaigns.
- Require a legislative super-majority to make laws take effect immediately upon the signature of the governor.

In December 2007 and January 2008, Sizemore turned in petitions with 120,000 to 130,000 signatures for

each of these ballot measures. That might be enough to qualify the initiatives for the ballot, but the secretary of state hasn't verified the signatures yet. Sizemore has been asked to provide payroll records to prove the signatures were gathered in compliance with a ballot measure that banned paying signature gatherers by the signature. Sizemore has challenged that in court, and has refused to turn over the payroll records. The Secretary of State's office notified Sizemore that his ballot measure committees are prohibited from obtaining further signatures until the records are turned in.

Meanwhile, the union lawsuit against Sizemore remains unsettled. Sizemore appealed the jury verdict and got damages reduced by the Oregon Court of Appeals in October 2006, but the case is now before the Oregon Supreme Court.

And on April 18, Sizemore was back in court for the second time for contempt of court proceedings. Lawyers for the union plaintiffs presented evidence that Sizemore has continued to violate the judge's order



Union foe Bill Sizemore appears in court April 18 in Portland for the second time for contempt of court proceedings.

by the way he handles money as chief petitioner for a stalled ballot measure campaign last year, and by creating a sham organization in Nevada to launder political contributions.

Judge Janice Wilson set a May 27 date to announce her decision in the

contempt of court case; Sizemore could face fine or jail time, though the latter is unlikely.

To date, Sizemore has paid only \$125,000 to OEA and AFT to reimburse them for attorney fees.



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Columbia-Pacific BCTC to celebrate 100th anniversary on May 10

The 100th anniversary celebration of the Columbia-Pacific Building and Construction Trades Council is shaping up to be a huge event. More than 650 tickets have been sold to the event to be held Saturday, May 10, at the Oregon Convention Center.

The keynote speaker is Oregon Congressman Earl Blumenauer. Other speakers will include Portland Mayor Tom Potter and newly-appointed Labor Commissioner Brad Avakian.

A no-host cocktail hour will start at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 7 p.m. For more information, call the building trades council at 503-784-1566.

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