



## Rosenbaum to chair key Senate workforce panel

SALEM — Sen.-Elect Diane Rosenbaum (D-Portland) has been named to serve as chair of the Senate Committee on Commerce & Workforce Development.

Rosenbaum, a member of Communications Workers of America Local 7901, was elected to the Senate in the November election after serving 10 years in the House of Representatives — the last two as Speaker Pro Tempore.

While in the House, Rosenbaum served as president of the National Labor Caucus of State Legislators and vice-chair of the House Committee on Business and Labor.

Last month she was elected to serve as assistant Majority Leader by her colleagues in the Senate Democratic Caucus.

“I am honored to play a leading point in the Senate’s work on job creation and workplace training in these difficult times,” Rosenbaum said.

## Central Oregon Labor Council favors health care reform bill

BEND —The Central Oregon Labor Council has endorsed House Resolution 676, the single-payer health care legislation introduced by Congressman John Conyers (D-MI).

COLC, which represents 5,500 workers in Deschutes, Crook, and Jefferson counties, is the 118th council to endorse the legislation. Thirty-nine state labor federations (including Oregon and Washington) are on board, along with 476 union organizations.

HR 676 seeks to expand the Medicare system to every resident, covering citizens for all necessary medical care, including prescription drugs, hospital, surgical, outpatient services, primary and preventive care, emergency services, dental, mental health, home

health, physical therapy, rehabilitation, vision care, chiropractic and long term care.

HR 676 has 93 co-sponsors in addition to Conyers. None are from Oregon, and only one — Jim McDermott — from Washington.

“We support the single-payer initiative because we believe quality health care is a human right, not a privilege for the rich,” said Central Oregon Labor Council President Fernando Gapasin “We also believe that taking the cost of health care out of the collective bargaining equation will help to improve the economic gains of unionized workers and improve opportunities to expand unionization to unorganized sectors of working people.”

## Sportsmen’s Alliance prizes go to Sheet Metal Worker, Fire Fighter

Sheet Metal Workers (SMWIA) member Bob Wewers and Fire Fighters (IAFF) member Nick Kashi were this year’s winners Union Sportsmen’s Alliance (USA) grand prize giveaway.

The pair, randomly selected from USA’s membership, each won prize packages valued at \$6,000 that included airfare, lodging, VIP seating, and pit passes at the Texas Motor Speedway NASCAR race. To top it off, Beretta donated a limited-edition, American-made 3901,12-gauge shotgun engraved with the USA’s logo.

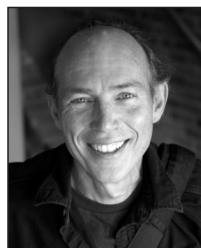
Wewers is a member of SMWIA Local 10 in Roseville, Minn., and

Kashi is a member of an IAFF Local 639 in Parma, Ohio. “I am a big hunter and an even bigger union guy. Anything to do with unions and hunting is a definite win-win,” Wewers said.

Launched in 2007, the USA is a joint venture of the Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership and 20 unions. The hunting and fishing club is open to union members, retirees and their families. The club promotes access for hunters and anglers, conserving the fish and wildlife habitat, and increasing funding for conservation. For more info, go to [www.unionsportsmen.org](http://www.unionsportsmen.org).



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