

AFL-CIO rates Oregon lawmakers

Democratic State Rep. Val Hoyle of Eugene was named the Oregon AFL-CIO's "Legislator of the Year." The state labor federation released its ranking of all state lawmakers for the 2011 legislative session last month.

Legislator of the Year is awarded to an Oregon lawmaker who has "gone above and beyond to stand up for Oregon's middle class." Hoyle was one of 13 lawmakers in the House and four in the Senate to receive "Gold Medal" status with the Oregon AFL-CIO's Committee on Political Education.

Hoyle was one of the top scoring legislators in the rankings. Outside of legislators who chaired key committees, she was the only legislator in either chamber to score over 90 percent.

First appointed to the Legislature in 2009, Hoyle was re-elected last November to represent House District 14, which includes West Eugene, Junction City, Cheshire and Alvadore. She was an assistant House Democratic leader during the 2011 session and served on the Business and Labor Committee, and the Health Care Committee, and was co-vice chair of the Education Subcommittee on Higher Education. Shortly after the 2011 session ended she was elected deputy whip for the House Democrats.

"She considered the effect of every bill on working people in her district, and was a true champion for Oregon's middle class," said Oregon AFL-CIO President Tom Chamberlain.



REP. VAL HOYLE
LEGISLATOR OF THE YEAR

The Oregon AFL-CIO's top priority leading into the 2011 session was job creation legislation. And while only a few direct job creation bills were passed,

many bills that will make it easier to bring good jobs to Oregon and strengthen the economy for the future were successful. Those bills — as well as bills to extend unemployment insurance, protect workers' rights, and address other workplace and economic issues, were evaluated.

Additionally, the rankings included votes on select bills the AFL-CIO supported on behalf of affiliated unions and on bills championed by partner organizations that were deemed important to union members.

But floor votes weren't the only criteria used. Many bills that were atop labor's agenda didn't make it out of committee during the 2011 session. Many more bills were introduced that would have stripped workers of key collective bargaining rights, but did not have the votes to pass out of committee.

"The rankings recognize that in a session where very few bills made it to

the floor for a final vote, accessibility, being open to compromises, and willingness to take a strong stand were also important," said AFL-CIO spokeswoman Elana Guiney.

Legislators with the highest points were awarded gold, silver and bronze status.

In the Senate, four Democrats received Gold Medal status: Senate Majority Leader Diane Rosenbaum of Portland; Richard Devlin of Tualatin; Suzanne Bonamici of Beaverton; and Lee Beyer of Springfield.

In the House, the top rankings went to Hoyle and fellow Democrats Dave Hunt of Portland; Mike Schaufler of Happy Valley; Margaret Doherty of Tigard; Paul Holvey of Eugene; Greg Matthews of Gresham; Peter Buckley of Ashland; Jeff Barker of Aloha; Jean Cowan of Newport; Tina Kotek of Portland; Tobias Read of Beaverton; Chris Garrett of Lake Oswego; Terry Beyer of Springfield; and Brad Witt of Clatskanie.

Among the legislators with the highest marks, six are union members. They are Sen. Rosenbaum of Communications Workers of America Local 7901; and representatives Witt of United Food and Commercial Workers Local 555; Barker, a retired president of the Portland Police Association; Holvey of the Carpenters Union; Matthews of Gresham Fire Fighters Local 1062; and Doherty, a former Oregon Education Association member.

AFL-CIO OREGON SENATE SCORECARD

Legislators are listed in ranked order with medalists noted

GOLD MEDAL

Lee Beyer, D-6
Richard Devlin, D-19
Suzanne Bonamici, D-17
Diane Rosenbaum, D-21

BRONZE MEDAL

Mark Hass, D-14
Jackie Dingfelder, D-23
Floyd Prozanski, D-4
Peter Courtney, D-11
Alan Bates, D-3
Betsy Johnson, D-16

NO MEDAL

Alan Olsen, R-20
Frank Morse, R-8
Bruce Starr, R-15

SILVER MEDAL

Chris Edwards, D-7
Rod Monroe, D-24
Ginny Burdick, D-18
Laurie Monnes-Anderson, D-25
Chip Shields, D-22
Joanne Verger, D-5

David Nelson, R-29

NO MEDAL

Chuck Thomsen, R-26
Brian Boquist, R-12
Doug Whitsett, R-28
Jackie Winters, R-10
Chris Telfer, R-27
Jason Atkinson, R-2
Fred Girod, R-9
Jeff Kruse, R-1
Larry George, R-13

AFL-CIO OREGON HOUSE SCORECARD

Legislators are listed in ranked order with medalists noted

GOLD MEDAL

Dave Hunt, D-40
Mike Schaufler, D-48
Val Hoyle, D-14
Margaret Doherty, D-35
Paul Holvey, D-8
Greg Matthews, D-50
Peter Buckley, D-5
Jeff Barker, D-28
Jean Cowan, D-10
Tina Kotek, D-44
Tobias Read, D-27
Chris Garrett, D-38
Terry Beyer, D-12
Brad Witt, D-31

BRONZE MEDAL

Jules Bailey, D-42
Phil Barnhart, D-11
Lew Frederick, D-43
Sara Gelsler, D-16
Arnie Roblan, D-9
Jefferson Smith, D-47
Betty Komp, D-22
Bill Kennemer, R-39
Mary Nolan, D-36
Vic Gilliam, R-18
Wayne Krieger, R-1
Carolyn Tomei, D-41
Gene Whisnant, R-53
Ben Cannon, D-46

SILVER MEDAL

Bob Jenson, R-58
Nancy Nathanson, D-13
Vicki Berger, R-20
Bill Garrard, R-56
Debbie Boone, D-32
Brian Clem, D-21
Michael Dembrow, D-45
Greg Smith, R-57

NO MEDALS

Patrick Sheehan, R-51
Katie Brewer, R-29
Andy Olson, R-15
Matt Wingard, R-26
Jason Conger, R-54
Bruce Hanna, R-7
Julie Parrish, R-37
Cliff Bentz, R-60
Kevin Cameron, R-19
John Huffman, R-59
Sherrie Sprenger, R-17
Mitch Greenlick, D-33
Sal Esquivel, R-6
Chris Harker, D-34
Shawn Lindsay, R-30
Jim Thompson, R-23
Matt Wand, R-49
Mike McLane, R-55
Jim Weidner, R-24
Tim Freeman, R-2
Mark Johnson, R-52
Dennis Richardson, R-4
Kim Thatcher, R-25
Wally Hicks, R-3

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