

Member action kills bill to make child welfare workers personally liable for high caseload problems

Job shadow; Members' testimony protects worker rights and preserves some services

HB 2839 (supported by Speaker Karen Minnis, R-Gresham) would have made child welfare workers personally liable in lawsuits over child injury or death. Our union raised strong objections to the bill. Representatives Greg Macpherson, Jeff Barker, and Andy Olson helped defeat the bill in committee.

COMMISSION PROPOSES "INTERNAL AFFAIRS" UNIT FOR CHILD WELFARE WORKERS

House speaker Karen Minnis commissioned Representative Billy Dalto (R: Salem) to address the issue of child welfare. Their proposal eventually became **HB 2010** which would create an "internal affairs" unit to monitor Child Welfare employees and make independent decisions on child placement.

SEIU 503 members Sara Cochran and Yvonne Recchia testified before Dalto's committee on Health and Human Services and helped stop this dangerous proposal.



“Every legislative session child welfare workers come under attack. This session we brought legislators with us for a day on the job. It was very powerful for them to see what we deal with every day.”

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