

The House holds a hearing but doesn't want anyone to come

THE House Policy Committee held a hearing on Senate Bill 329 – the proposal to expand the prescription drug purchasing pool – at 4:30 pm on the Friday afternoon before Memorial Day weekend, with very little notice.

But SEIU members in purple shirts still showed up. DMV, DHS, and the retirees all had folks there. Revenue workers, in-home caregivers, and Marion County employees were present. For many members, this was their first legislative hearing. By the time the hearing got started the room was completely full. Forty members took time away from their families' holiday weekend to crash the drug companies' party and attend the hearing!

SEIU MEMBERS AND COALITION PARTNERS TESTIFY

SEIU Local 503 members Paula Allen, Melany Hammang, and Barney Gorter testified. Allies from Oregonians for Health Security, Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon, AARP, OSPIRG, and

Members talk to legislators online

This session was the first time we had an online program to hold legislators accountable. Hundreds of members got involved in issues that impact the services we provide. Atha Lincoln was one of the most active online members, proving that even those of us who live outside of Salem can make a difference.



“Living in Eastern Oregon makes it hard to come to the Capitol a lot. Participating online allows me to make a difference. I do a lot locally and I came to the big rally in Salem on May 21, but being able to talk to legislators online means I can do more. I encourage other members to get involved online as well. It all helps.”

Atha Lincoln, DHS – The Dalles