

In addition to canvassing and phone banking to get pro-worker legislators elected, SEIU members told their stories and moved the legislature.



Virginia

Virginia Santillan and **Portia Moyo**, child care providers, testified about how difficult it was to provide quality child care on a sub-minimum wage. They also pushed for an expansion of working parents' ability to access affordable day care. **As a result, the legislature moved Oregon from 49th in the U.S. to a top-tier state for child care subsidies for working parents.**



Portia



Mary

Mary Wood, a homecare provider from Lincoln County, testified about being treated as a second-class worker because she does not have mandatory workers' compensation coverage to protect her from on-the-job injury. **The legislature passed legislation to provide Workers' Comp for homecare workers.**



Bill

Bill Morris and dozens of other front-line workers at the Eastern Oregon Training Center drove hours to tell legislators about the services they provide for the developmentally disabled. **As a result, members stopped an effort to close the EOTC facility in Pendleton.**

These are just a few of the examples of SEIU members fighting for themselves, for their clients, and for quality public services. Individually, a lot of voices were heard. Collectively, a lot of fights were won. We still have work to do to improve public services, stop rampant privatization, make health care affordable, and make corporations pay their fair share.

But we should stop for a moment and recognize the accomplishments of those member-leaders and our allies in the legislature who fought long and hard for fairness and justice.

Our success in the election gave us a momentum in the legislature. Labor union members whom we helped elect chaired committees, were in leadership, and moved legislation. We were proud of our fellow elected union members:

Representative Brad Witt from United Food and Commercial Workers

Representative Larry Galizio from American Federation of Teachers

Representative Diane Rosenbaum from Communications Workers of America
