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Higher Education was another priority for the Governor. He led the fight for a 23% increase in funding for Oregon's colleges and universities. He stood with us for improved services – especially in the areas of repair and deferred maintenance of facilities.

He advocated for seniors and care providers by fighting for improved safety in nursing homes. The Governor included funds in his budget to increase staffing levels in nursing homes so that there are enough care providers to maintain quality patient care. When the funds were on the chopping block, he worked hard to successfully get the money restored in the final budget.

### **Accountability Matters**

After SEIU held Governor Kulongoski accountable for his actions in his first term, he became a much stronger leader on workers' rights in 2007. His leadership – going to bat repeatedly for SEIU members behind the scenes – was a tremendous help in achieving our victories.

**Representative Chuck Riley (Hillsboro), supporter of SB 400; Jim Walker (Vice President of the OSH Local); Governor Kulongoski; and Dan Ferguson (President of OYA Local) stand together on the day the Governor signed SB 400, which provided for mandatory bargaining over safety and staffing for non-strikeable public employees.**

