



*"Politics is the science of who gets what, when and why. We had particularly gratifying success in the 2009 legislative session. Services and jobs need stable funding that will happen with our continued advocacy and YES vote in January to ensure that corporations and the wealthiest Oregonians pay their fair share. Tax reform, passed so courageously in the legislature, is now being referred to voters. The YES campaign needs your help; please do not be misled by our opponents. The passage of this long needed tax fairness proposal will insure stable funding continues for vital social services, education and to keep our most vulnerable citizens safe and secure."*

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## Keeping Score: How They Voted in '09

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Our union graded legislators on their votes on roughly 30 key pieces of legislation in 2009. These bills were in the area of quality public services and fair taxes; affordable and accessible health care; and workers' rights. Legislators who fought for fair contracts for front-line workers, who stood up for unorganized workers, who went the extra mile in committee hearings, or who were champions for the issues our members care about were given additional consideration. There were a handful of legislators who went out of their way to harm the interests of working families and those actions are also considered. For a complete rundown of the bills and votes of each legislator on each bill, go to [www.seiu503.org](http://www.seiu503.org) or call 1-800-527-9374, ext. 443. In previous sessions, we also graded on the issue of economic justice but because of our union's focus on protecting the services our members provide, we did not emphasize economic justice issues like payday lending, consumer protection, and banking practices. We hope to be able to put more time and effort on these issues that affect working families in the future.