

House Bill Summaries

House Bill 2519

Oregon Health Plan Expansion
SEIU Local 503 Position: YES

Provided the framework for covering working Oregonians who do not have health care through their employer. This expansion to cover people up to 185% of poverty may be threatened by the 2002 budget crisis.

Passed by the House: 55-5
Passed by the Senate: 27-2
Signed by the Governor

House Bill 3595B

Committee Report
Evening Voting on Election Day
SEIU Local 503 Position: NO

After rejecting the Minority Report to House Bill 3595, the House of Representatives voted for the main bill as a committee report. This bill would have cut off voting two hours early (at 6:00 PM) on Election Day and would have effectively disenfranchised tens of thousands of working family voters.

Passed by the House: 33-27
Died in Senate Committee

House Bill 3816

Voice at Work for Home Care Workers
SEIU Local 503 Position: YES

This bill establishes the Home Care Commission mandated by Ballot Measure 99 and provides an employer of record for the state's 14,000 home care workers. This bill provided the details for home care workers' collective bargaining rights.

Passed in the House 59-0
Passed in the Senate 26-4
Signed by the Governor

House Bill 3997

Arbitrary Spending Limit
SEIU Local 503 Position: NO

This bill proposed an arbitrary cap on state spending at 8% of the projected personal income in Oregon for the same biennium but made no exceptions for increased spending caused by initiatives the voters approve, nor did it account for funding shifts between state and local spending, as took place under Measure 5, for instance. A worse, but similar, concept had just been defeated on the statewide ballot (Measure 8). This proposal also did not account for the increased need for safety net services in a recession.

Passed by the House: 36-22
Passed by the Senate: 16-13
Signed by the Governor*

*a modified and improved version was signed by the Governor