

Senate Bill Summaries

Senate Bill 819

Prescription Drug Formulary
SEIU Local 503 Position: YES

This bill implements Governor Kitzhaber's plan to control expenditures for prescription drugs in the Oregon Health Plan by creating a list of the most cost-effective drugs to be used to treat certain common conditions — unless a physician determines another drug is medically necessary for a particular individual.

Passed the Senate 21-7
Passed the House 42-16
Signed by the Governor

Senate Bill 485

Better Benefits for Injured Workers
SEIU Local 503 Position: YES

Implements a package of Workers' Compensation reforms fashioned by the Governor's labor-management group, which offers long-overdue improvements for injured workers. With this bill, more injured workers will qualify for benefits, benefit amounts will be increased, and claimants will be treated more fairly.

Passed the Senate 23-3
Passed the House 51-2
Signed by the Governor

Senate Bill 67

Capital Gains Taxes
SEIU Local 503 Position: NO

This bill cuts capital gains taxes and shifts more of the tax burden to working families. But the cut — totaling \$588 million per biennium — was postponed to future years, setting the stage for massive reductions in public services for future legislatures to deal with.

Passed the Senate 17-12
Passed the House 40-20
Vetoed by the Governor

Senate Bill 134

PERS Pension Rollbacks
SEIU Local 503 Position: NO

This bill reduced the number of member representative on the PERS Board and changed the formula for funding a contingency fund that used the interest from members' benefits, among other harmful changes.

Passed the Senate 16-13
Modified in Ways & Means
Committee to remove harmful provisions