The 2022 session that ended in March brought important wins for Oregon AFSCME members and working families across the state. Our members testified, wrote letters, and met with their lawmakers to share their stories and call for action.

Lawmakers listened and delivered on a historic $100 million child care investment package, $132 million for behavioral health salary and retention pay, an expanded tax credit for Oregon’s lowest-wage workers, and $10.8 million for the Oregon State Hospital—a system that is decimated by high turnover and low pay. This is the power of our union.

This scorecard shares what was at stake for Oregon AFSCME members and working families across the state. It also provides our members with important information on which lawmakers stood with us when casting their votes this year.

The next legislative session starts in January 2023. Between now and then we will continue to make sure lawmakers know what our members are facing on the job every day and what they need to do to make things better.

These lawmakers went above and beyond by sponsoring and/or championing our bills

Rep. Paul Evans (D–Monmouth)
Rep. Julie Fahey (D–West Eugene & Junction City)
Rep. Jason Kropf (D–Bend)
Rep. Bobby Levy (R–Echo)
Sen. James I. Manning Jr. (D–North Eugene, West Eugene, Veneta)
Rep. Rob Nosse (D–Portland)
Speaker Dan Rayfield (D–Corvallis)
Rep. Karin Power (D–Milwaukie)
Sen. Deborah Patterson (D–Salem)

PRIORITY BILLS

2022 CHILD CARE INVESTMENT ACT AND HOUSE BILL 4005
The Child Care Investment Act provides $100 million in funding for increased state payments to providers to help them expand their programs and serve more families. This is an historic investment for working families.

HOUSE BILL 4004
(Behavioral Health Package)
This bill provides immediate funding to Behavioral Health employers for salaries and recruitment and retention. 75% has to go to salaries and 25% to recruitment and retention. The money must be distributed by the Oregon Health Authority by May 31st. We know this is a stopgap measure, as work on longer-term solutions to behavioral health workers can earn living wages, it is an important recognition of the crisis.

HOUSE BILL 4002
(Farmerwork Overtime)
Previously, Oregon farmworkers were excluded from receiving overtime pay even as they are mandated to work long hours in difficult conditions to put food on our tables. We stand with our union siblings at PCUN, the Oregon Farmworkers Union in calling for an end to this injustice.

HOUSE BILL 4086
(Workers Comp)
This bill modernizes Oregon’s workers’ compensation system to meet the needs of Oregon’s working families. It does so by protecting workers from discrimination and retaliation after filing a claim or asking about their right to do so, and allows more families of fallen workers to utilize workers’ compensation death benefits.

HOUSE BILL 4157
(Expanded Tax Credit)
Due to chronic understaffing, the state has struggled to get unemployment benefits and rent assistance out the door and the original proposal would have taken years to implement. The updated bill means that low-income workers who received the Earned Income Tax Credit benefit in 2020 will get an additional $600 check by this July Oregonians will not have to do any additional work to receive the payment.
Here’s how all members of the House voted for Oregon AFSCME members on our priority bills.
Here's how all members of the Senate voted for Oregon AFSCME members on our priority bills:

- HB 4157: Absent
  - Sen. Sen. Lee Beyer (D–Springfield)
  - Sen. Floyd Prozanski (D–Portland)
- HB 4002: Nay
  - Sen. Peter Courtney (R–Bend)
  - Sen. Lee Beyer (D–Springfield)
  - Sen. Lawerence Spence (D–NW Portland/Deschutes, Lake and Marion Counties)
  - Sen. Bill Kennemer (R–Carson, Albion, Philomath, Philomath, Tangent, and part of Linn and Benton County)
- HB 4004: Aye
  - Sen. Dick Anderson (R–Lake Oswego)
  - Sen. Peter Courtney (R–Bend)
  - Sen. Deb Patterson (R–Baker, Grant, Harney, Jefferson, Klamath, Lake, Lake and Marion Counties)
  - Sen. Mike Nearman (R–Carson, Albion, Philomath, Philomath, Tangent, and part of Linn and Benton County)
  - Sen. Dennis Linthicum (R–Wallowa, Wasco, Klamath, Lake, Lake and Marion Counties)
- HB 4005: Aye
  - Sen. Peter Courtney (R–Bend)
  - Sen. Lee Beyer (D–Springfield)
  - Sen. Lawerence Spence (D–NW Portland/Deschutes, Lake and Marion Counties)
  - Sen. Bill Kennemer (R–Carson, Albion, Philomath, Philomath, Tangent, and part of Linn and Benton County)
  - Sen. Mike Nearman (R–Carson, Albion, Philomath, Philomath, Tangent, and part of Linn and Benton County)
- HB 4002: Nay
  - Sen. Sara Gelser Blouin (R–Hood River)
  - Sen. Kayse Jama (D–Portland)
  - Sen. Paris Martel (R–Rural Polk and Yamhill Counties)
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