Oregon AFL-CIO Legislative Rankings
A Road to Rebuilding Oregon’s Middle Class

2013 saw a growing economic recovery at the top, but too many Oregonians struggling more than ever to make ends meet. The Oregon AFL-CIO chose to focus on legislation that would create good jobs and help all workers get ahead, rebuilding Oregon’s middle class and supporting Oregon families’ voices.

We committed to supporting legislation which would:

• expand workers’ rights,
• protect workers’ safety,
• help strong employers expand,
• invest in our local economy,
• create good jobs in Oregon,
• promote the use of Oregon goods and services,
• protect workers’ right to organize in their workplaces,
• provide pathways out of poverty,
• ensure every Oregonian has the opportunity to find a good job, and
• grow the middle class.

Our top scoring legislators not only stood up for workers as they took hard votes, they were also accessible and open to discussing issues that mattered to working people even if we ultimately disagreed. They were ready to advocate for union members among their colleagues. Possibly most importantly they stood up for our rights outside of the legislature, supporting workers who were forming unions, walking picket lines, and weighing in with employers when disputes arose in their districts.

Our legislative champions truly take the side of Oregon’s middle class.
Representative Dembrow was front and center on the Oregon AFL-CIO’s top priority legislation during the 2013 legislative session. His work on issues that affect every sector of our state’s workforce has shown a true commitment to rebuilding Oregon’s middle class. Outside of the State Capitol, Representative Dembrow consistently stands alongside union members, supporting workers on picket lines, in workplace disputes and through his continued union activism.

Representative Williamson is the only freshman legislator who received a 100% voting record on Oregon AFL-CIO scorecard bills. Representative Williamson went out of her way to find opportunities to stand up for working people ensuring her votes and actions would help grow Oregon’s middle class.