From the Desk of Representative John Lively

HB 2016: OREGON PUBLIC WORKER PROTECTION ACT

DEFENDING THE WORKPLACE RIGHTS OF OREGON'S PUBLIC WORKERS



"Labor unions help build a stronger, more resilient workforce, which in turn, makes Oregon stronger and more resilient. We MUST take action NOW and do everything we can to protect the ability of labor unions to do the important work they do for Oregon workers." *Peter O'Connell - Firefighter, Tualtin Valley*



"A strong union has a huge impact on my family's well-being and economic bottom line. OEA fights hard for the salary, healthcare, and retirement benefits of all members, whether we are teachers, custodians, classified staff, or a bus driver like me. If you think that membership doesn't make a difference, just take a look at states that have so-called "right to work" laws like Wisconsin or Michigan. When fewer public employees join the union, salaries are lower for all." *Mike McQueen - School Bus Driver, Brookings*



"We, as homecare workers, are quickly becoming the backbone of not just elderly care, but of the nation's entire workforce. That means that when we do better, we all do better — as a family, as a community, as a nation. America needs our industry to be as strong as possible, and we need our union to be as strong as we can be. Our strong union has meant increased security for workers and better quality of life for our clients. It has meant that those of us who feel called to care for people have been able to sustain a career and provide for our families." **Rebecca Sandoval - Homecare Worker, Medford**

