

TO: Members of the Legislature
RE: Support of sustainable funding for Legislative Staff

As public and private sector unions representing hundreds of thousands of Oregon workers in every sector of the state, we write to express support for adequate and permanent funds for the Oregon legislature's staff.

Legislative staff fundamentally make the work of the legislature move forward. Yet, we know that workloads over the past decade have outpaced staffing levels in far too many offices and there are both higher numbers of constituents seeking legislator help and higher numbers of urgent needs and requests to address via legislation. Inconsistent and under staffing has critical negative impacts to constituents across the state and for the wellbeing and productivity of those staff.

We deeply value and appreciate the work of legislative staff and stand in solidarity with them for adequate and productive long-term staffing funding to support these invaluable and dedicated workers.

