



State Chooses Cuts to Workers Over Fair Corporate Tax



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“Despite a good economy, the State’s initial proposal is full of cuts. **They are trying to balance the budget on our backs. That’s not fair or sustainable for our members or the state workforce as a whole.** We need a contract that reflects the rising cost-of-living in Oregon and values our hard work.”

Management Proposed

- One year COLA of 1.45% (with a 1 year step freeze)
- One year of no COLA
- End to the 6% PERS pickup - without compensation to cover expenses (more on this moving forward)
- Increase in employee contribution to the PEBB Health Premium to 7%

All of this was contingent on inclusion of the Governor’s salary package in the state legislature’s budget. So this could get worse!

Next Steps

We need you to call or write your state representative and senator and say:

“State employees provide services Oregonians need. Cutting PERS will make it harder to recruit and retain qualified state employees. For me personally, with PERS, I would retire in poverty. Please let me know your position on PERS and the need for increasing revenue from corporate taxes.”

Go to this link:

oregonlegislature.gov/findyourlegislator/leg-districts.html

Next Bargaining Session is April 7th.