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House Majority Leader Jennifer Williamson Applauds Signing of “Fair Shot” Bills

Historic bills will improve conditions for low-wage workers

Today, Governor Kate Brown signed into a law a series of bills that will improve the lives of workers throughout the state. These bills, including Statewide Paid Sick Leave and the Retirement Security program, will be of particular help to low-income workers who've been left behind by the economic recovery.

“This is an historic day for working families in Oregon,” says House Majority Leader Jennifer Williamson (D-Portland). “By ensuring that people who work hard and play by the rules are able to access these basic workplace protections, Oregon is once again setting the pace for the rest of the country.”

Gov. Brown also signed into law the “Ban the Box” bill, which prevents employers from asking about a job applicant’s criminal history on a job application, and a bill that requires law enforcement agencies to address racial profiling by police.

“Even while the economy recovers and corporate profits are at record levels, too many people in our state are struggling just to make ends meet,” Rep. Williamson adds. “These bills will help Oregon be the kind of place where everyone has a chance to get ahead.”

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