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## **House Votes to Strengthen Wage Theft Protections**

*House Bill 3008 adds protections for working Oregonians*

SALEM – The Oregon House of Representatives voted today to strengthen wage theft protections for working Oregonians.

[House Bill 3008](#) prohibits employers from requiring employees to create, file or sign documents that contain information the employee knows to be false related to hours worked or compensation received.

Rep. Sheri Malstrom (D-Beaverton) was the chief sponsor of the legislation. She cited statistics showing that there were 883 wage claims worth \$3.4 million filed with the Oregon Bureau of Labor and Industries last year.

“Wage theft is a significant problem,” Rep. Malstrom said. “Workers in every industry experience wage theft, and all workers deserve the fair and equitable compensation for their labor.”

Existing protections against wage theft often depend on the employee being able to provide a timesheet as evidence. House Bill 3008 is intended to close this loophole by prohibiting an employer from coercing an employee to submit false records relating to their hours worked or compensation received.

House Bill 3008 joins other legislation championed this session by Oregon House Democrats intended to protect the rights of working Oregonians.

The bill passed the House with a 53-5 vote. It now moves to the Oregon Senate for consideration.

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