



# LOCAL FOCUS

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER—SEIU LOCAL 503—SUB-LOCAL 085—UNIVERSITY OF OREGON

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## Oregon’s Jan. Special Election could impact your healthcare

### Vote “Yes” on Measure 101

Measure 101 is an opportunity to protect healthcare for vulnerable Oregonians and help hold down costs for all of us. **Ballots are due January 23, 2018** and SEIU 503 endorses your **“Yes” Vote** on Measure 101.

Measure 101 proposes a fee on hospitals and insurance companies in order to fund Medicaid, which provides healthcare coverage to one in four Oregonians— especially kids, seniors, and people with disabilities who otherwise couldn’t afford a doctor’s visit. The measure provides direct funding for Medicaid in Oregon and also leverages essential federal healthcare dollars. If it fails to pass, Oregon could lose up to \$5 billion in federal funds, and hundreds of thousands of Oregonians could lose their healthcare coverage.

Voting “Yes” on Measure 101 will protect access to healthcare for thousands of SEIU Members who are covered by the Oregon Health Plan. A “Yes” vote is also a vote to protect Medicaid and to support funding for 20,000 healthcare jobs in Oregon.

Vote [#YesOn101](#) by January 23

More FAQ and Voter info on pg. 3

**OVER 160 TRUSTED ORGANIZATIONS ACROSS OREGON SUPPORT BALLOT MEASURE 101**

*Including nurses and doctors, firefighters and teachers, AARP Oregon, local hospitals, and major healthcare management providers*

[List of Supporters](#)



Thanks to all our SEIU 503-085 members, supporters, and staff who have volunteered to help share the news about [#YesOn101](#)

### Ballot deadline approaching — We need more volunteers!

Join other 085 Members and help spread the word about how “Yes” on Measure 101 is the right choice for Oregon. Ready to help? Contact SEIU organizer Evangelina Sundgrenz: [sundgrenze@seiu503.org](mailto:sundgrenze@seiu503.org)



## Nominations Now Open for all SEIU 503-085 Offices

**Deadline to file: February 14, 2018, 5 p.m.**

The time is fast approaching when we will elect the next slate of 085 Union officers to represent workers at the U of O.

Nominations are NOW OPEN for all SEIU Local 503—University of Oregon 085 offices for 2018-2020, including President, Vice President, Chief Contact, Chief Steward, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Organizer, Chief General Council Delegate, Newsletter Editor, Stewards, General Council Delegates, & Strike Hardship Committee Members.

**Recruiting well qualified candidates is particularly important in this election cycle.** This is a crucial time for our Union, as the near future may likely bring new and significant challenges for workers across the country pending the outcome of the Janus case in the U.S. Supreme Court.

Nominations must be received by a member of the Election Committee no later than 5:00 p.m. on February 14, 2018.

### [Nomination Form + more info about offices](#)

WHEN COMPLETED, YOU CAN SUBMIT THIS NOMINATION FORM BY EMAIL TO ANY ELECTION COMMITTEE MEMBER:

- Katie Murray email: [murrayk@uoregon.edu](mailto:murrayk@uoregon.edu)
- Kurt Willcox email: [kurtwill@uoregon.edu](mailto:kurtwill@uoregon.edu)
- Donella-Eliz Alston email: [donella@uoregon.edu](mailto:donella@uoregon.edu)
- Jeannie Brown email: [jeannieb@uoregon.edu](mailto:jeannieb@uoregon.edu)



**PRACTICE DEMOCRACY IN OUR WORKPLACE,  
PROMOTE DEMOCRACY IN OUR WORLD**

## Mini-Local Meetings are coming to your worksite (or one close-by)

Watch for announcements. We know that not everyone who works here can make it to our monthly Local Meeting at the EMU, so SEIU 503-085 is coming to you!

Get the latest updates on bargaining, workplace issues, and political developments impacting our Members. Bring your questions and connect with co-workers.



Chief Bargaining Delegate Johnny Earl met with Classified Staff at Knight Library on January 5, 2018.

[Join fellow SEIU Members at the MLK Day March on Monday, Jan. 15, 9 a.m.](#)

[Nina Turner Talk at LCC on Wednesday, Jan. 17, 5:30 p.m.](#)

“By raising the living standards of millions, labor miraculously created a market for industry and lifted the whole nation to un-dreamed of levels of production. Those who attack labor forget these simple truths, but history remembers them.” - MLK, Jr.

## MLK JR. DAY MARCH

EUGENE, OREGON JAN 15TH, 9-12 PM

**STANDING UNITED**

PROGRAM AT THE SHEDD: 11 AM-NOON



# Measure 101

**SEIU Endorses a “Yes”  
vote on this important  
ballot measure!**

## About Measure 101

### Important Dates / Voting in Oregon’s January 2018 Special Election

- **Jan. 4** – Ballots were mailed out
- **Jan. 9** – Contact Lane County Elections if you haven’t received your ballot yet! @ 541-682-4234
- **Jan. 17** - Last day to safely return ballots by mail
- **Jan. 23** - Election Day. Ballots accepted up to 8 p.m. at county elections offices.

For more information:

[www.oregonvotes.gov](http://www.oregonvotes.gov) . Click on “Current Election”. Site includes a copy of the Voters’ Pamphlet in English, Spanish, and audio.

Need help getting your ballot or dropping it off? Contact SEIU organizer Evangelina Sundgrenz: [sundgrenze@seiu503.org](mailto:sundgrenze@seiu503.org)

### Who Supports Measure 101?

A broad coalition of about 160 organizations has endorsed Measure 101. For a complete list go to: [www.yesforhealthcare.org](http://www.yesforhealthcare.org) or check out the “Arguments in Favor” in the Voters’ Pamphlet.

### Unions endorsing Measure 101:

SEIU 503 & 49

- Oregon Nurses Association
- Oregon Federation of Nurses and Health Professionals
- Oregon Education Association
- AFT-Oregon
- Graduate Teaching Fellow Federation (UO)
- United Academics (UO)
- Oregon AFSCME
- Oregon AFL-CIO
- Oregon Building Trades Council
- Oregon State Fire Fighters Council
- UFCW 555

- See list of ALL 160 SPONSORS at [www.yesforhealthcare.org](http://www.yesforhealthcare.org)



**VOTE YES ON MEASURE 101  
TO PROTECT OREGON'S HEALTHCARE**



## FAQ

### What is Measure 101?

Measure 101 is a fee on hospitals and insurance companies that funds Medicaid, which in Oregon is called the Oregon Health Plan. The Oregon Health Plan provides healthcare coverage to 1 in 4 Oregonians.

### How does Measure 101 fund healthcare?

The Measure 101 assessments will raise between \$210 and \$320 million dollars for the state budget that are wholly dedicated to healthcare. The federal government matches what we raise here in Oregon, bringing about \$5 billion of healthcare funding.

### If Measure 101 passes, what happens?

Passing Measure 101 will prevent reductions to the healthcare coverage or benefits those on the Oregon Health Plan are already receiving. It will provide the funding needed to ensure that every child in Oregon has a doctor and receives the care necessary to stay healthy. Passing Measure 101 will also stabilize healthcare costs by lowering premiums for Oregonians who buy their own insurance by an average of \$300 a year.

### If Measure 101 does not pass, what happens?

Funding for the Oregon Health Plan in our state budget will be cut by between \$210 and \$320 million and Oregon will lose potentially \$5 billion in federal funding. Oregon families who rely on Medicaid – including 400,000 children, seniors and people with disabilities – face the prospect of losing healthcare benefits/coverage.

### What exactly could be cut?

Options would include dropping coverage for 350,000 Oregonians who joined Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act, or cutting current Oregon Health Plan services, such as prescription drug coverage. Or cuts to funding for K-12 education, higher education, public safety, senior services, child welfare, or other essential services.