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AFSCME Local 3336

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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



<u>Next Members Meeting</u>	<u>In this Issue</u>
Main Agenda: Bargaining Update Date: June 1, 2011 (Wed.) Time: Noon Place: WR, Eugene Call In Number: 1-800-610-4500; Participant Access Code: 214451	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ Central Table Bargaining Update ✚ DEQ Budget Cuts ✚ State Revenue Forecast, May 19 ✚ State Capitol Rally, May 20

CENTRAL TABLE BARGAINING UPDATE

CAN YOU LIVE WITH THIS! JOIN UNION ACTIONS!

At the Central Bargaining Table meeting on May 12, 2011, DAS provided a new concept portrayed as "seeking an acceptable settlement". Ken Allen and your bargaining team have been very clear with DAS that this is not a deal or even close to, a deal we can live with. DAS's current concepts for bargaining are:

Wage Freeze
Step Freeze
Furlough
Retirement
Health Insurance

No Wage Increases
Current Step Still In Effect
5 Days/Year
Split 6% PERS Pick Up (3% each)
On 1-1-2012, Pay 10% of Premium Cost

The following table was prepared based on the current DAS proposal as updated by the Union Pay Cut Calculator. Click the link to find out how this affects you:

<http://www.oregonafscme.com/docs/PayCutCalculator2.xls>

Monthly Gross Salary	Percent Cut
\$2,000	12.3%*
\$3,000	9.9%
\$4,000	8.7%
\$5,000	7.9%
\$6,000	7.4%

✚ The next Central Table Bargaining Meeting is **on June 3 and June 20, 2011**, both at 9:00 am - 5:00 pm, Salem-AFSCME.

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DEQ BUDGET CUTS

On May 24, DEQ's budget was passed by the Ways and Means Natural Resources Subcommittee with **More Cuts than in the Governor's Budget**. However, this is **NOT THE FINAL BUDGET** -- Legislature's date for adjournment is now mid-June.

**14 Confirmed Positions w/ More Operations Cuts Likely
Approx. \$15 Million in GF and Other Funds Budget Reduction**

STATE REVENUE FORECAST

The **State Revenue Forecast** on **May 12, 2011** predicted an increase of \$128.8 million over the March forecast for the 2011-13 biennium.

STATE CAPITOL RALLY, MAY 20

DEQ had at least **50** staff and family members attend the State Capitol Rally on May 20, a statewide Furlough day. A crowd estimated at **5,000** converged on the state capitol mall in Salem **May 20** to support state employees and the vital state services they provide. Some **500** of those on hand were AFSCME Council 75 members who teamed with the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) for the "Better Way For Oregon" rally to fight for continuing critical government services and provide a fair contract. The rally was purposely timed after the release of the state's May revenue forecast (which came out May 12) and on a state employee furlough day.

