

Things have changed

Incumbents' evaluations now include sponsorship, advocacy

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After the 2009 session, when labor's agenda was not only ignored but also attacked by the Democratic majority caucuses, the Washington State Labor Council's affiliated unions instituted a complete review of the organization's political program.

One of the key changes adopted was to establish a more comprehensive system of evaluating the performance of incumbent state legislators, given that voting records don't always explain who is truly advocating for working families or opposing their interests. This is necessary because it has become common practice for caucus leaders to "protect" their members by either denying votes on important working family legislation or by blocking recorded roll-call votes on the floor.

That's why, beginning this year, the Washington State Labor Council's Legislative Voting Records will also include candidate scores for bill sponsorship, caucus and floor advocacy, and community support for labor's activities. These additional scores, along with the local-level questionnaire, interview and recommendation process conducted by the Central Labor Councils, will all be considered by delegates considering WSLC election endorsements at our C.O.P.E. (Committee on Political Education) Convention on May 15 and any additional endorsements that may occur at the WSLC Constitutional Convention on Aug. 9-12 in Tacoma.

The candidates' Total Point Scores will be apportioned based on the following formula:

2010 VOTING RECORD (15%) — This year's voting record on selected bills and amendments supported or opposed by the WSLC.

2009 VOTING RECORD (15%) — Last year's voting record on selected bills and amendments supported or opposed by the WSLC.

LIFETIME VOTING RECORD (30%) — The WSLC Voting Record for the incumbent's entire career in the State Legislature.

SPONSORSHIP (5%) — Legislators are

WHAT HASN'T CHANGED: OUR DELEGATES DECIDE

By Constitution, delegates representing the affiliated unions of the Washington State Labor Council will vote on which candidates and ballot measures to endorse. A two-thirds majority is required for endorsement. **All delegates will be given a comprehensive Total Point Score for each incumbent legislator, which includes all of the information in this publication plus the CLC Process (worth 20%),** which was not yet available at press time.

awarded up to 5 points for sponsoring or co-sponsoring pro-worker legislation. They can also receive negative points for sponsoring anti-worker bills. Although they can't sponsor bills, the House Speaker and Senate Majority Leader both receive 5 points because they are instrumental in moving legislation.

ADVOCACY (10%) — Up to 10 points for actively advocating for labor-supported legislation in caucus among other legislators and in floor speeches, and for accessibility to labor.

The following two criteria are not included in this publication because regional Central Labor Councils continue their evaluations at press time:

COMMUNITY (5%) — Up to 5 points for publicly advocating for pro-worker issues and participating in labor events in their districts.

C.L.C. PROCESS (20%) — Incumbents will be evaluated based on the responses to questionnaires and candidate interviews conducted by Central Labor Councils.

The changes don't stop there. The WSLC has also developed a system to more strategically target campaign contributions and grassroots political efforts.

In the past, the WSLC and many of its affiliates have made significant contributions to caucus campaign committees and to incumbent legislators who were not facing serious election challenges. Those contributions are often used by caucus leadership to fund activities that benefit individual legislators who work against the interests of our members.

To make sure that only those legislators who stand up for working families receive our financial support, the WSLC created the "Don't Invest In More Excuses"

Political Action Committee (DIME PAC) for unions to target campaign contributions more strategically.

It's up to the rank-and-file members and elected officers of every union to decide how to make their political contributions. Many have chosen to contribute to DIME PAC rather than to political party funds. Those contributing affiliates will decide how to target DIME PAC contributions and expenditures.

That said, the value of labor's endorsement has never been about money. Unions can't compete with the cash that corporate interests pump into campaigns at the state and federal levels. Labor's strength has always been in its members, who are widely seen as the "foot soldiers" for many political campaigns. That's because of our long, proud history of effective political volunteerism and activism, not because of our campaign contributions. Like the monetary support from DIME PAC, the grassroots election activities of our successful Labor Neighbor program will be targeted to elect champions for working families, not just to build political majorities.

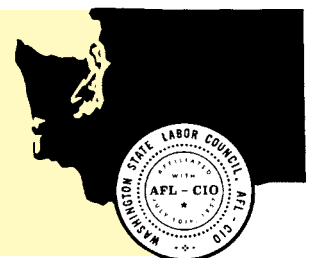
In addition, there is renewed interest among some affiliated unions to more aggressively pursue ballot initiatives that take workers' issues directly to voters—as labor did in leading the charge for our historic indexed minimum wage. Look for news on this front soon.

All of these changes are part of a long-term strategy to ensure that labor's political efforts are more effectively targeted to advance a pro-worker agenda in Washington state. The true champions of that agenda are the legislators who deserve our support. That support must not be taken for granted or manipulated by party organizations and their leaders.



2010 Legislative Voting Record of the Washington State Labor Council

SENATE



KEY

(Democrats are listed in **bold**.)

- "Right" vote
- "Wrong" vote
- E** Excused

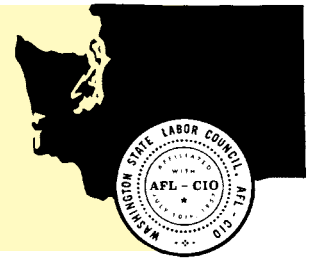
See the Senate Vote Descriptions on Page 5.

SPON. is the score (up to 5 pts.) for bill sponsorships

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Senator	Dis.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	2010 %	2009 %	LIFE-TIME	SPON. (5 pts)	ADV. (10 pts)
Becker	2	●	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	13	14	13	-0.5	2
Benton	17	E	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	29	50	26	-0.5	-4
Berkey	38	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	63	43	87	-0.5	2
Brandland	42	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	13	25	20	-1	0
Brown	3	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	75	63	95	5	7
Carrell	28	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	25	25	21	-0.5	-3
Delvin	8	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	33	25	16	-0.5	-6
Eide	30	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	88	50	90	0	1
Fairley	32	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	75	71	95	0.5	5
Franklin	29	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	88	63	93	2	6
Fraser	22	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	88	75	96	3.5	4
Gordon	41	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	75	--	75	2	4
Hargrove	24	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	75	38	71	-1	5
Hatfield	19	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	63	50	78	-0.5	2
Haugen	10	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	25	38	62	0.5	1
Hewitt	16	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	13	13	11	-2	0
Hobbs	44	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	50	57	77	-0.5	1
Holmquist	13	E	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	14	38	12	-3.5	-8
Honeyford	15	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	25	25	7	-2.5	-10
Jacobsen	46	E	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	86	67	91	2	5
Kastama	25	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	63	38	81	0	-2
Kauffman	47	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	63	75	86	2	7
Keiser	33	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	75	75	96	5	10
Kilmer	26	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	50	50	83	0.5	2

Senator	Dis.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	2010 %	2009 %	LIFE-TIME	SPON. (5 pts)	ADV. (10 pts)
King	14	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	13	25	19	-3	-6
Kline	37	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	75	75	95	4.5	5
Kohl-Welles	36	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	88	75	93	5	9
Marr	6	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	50	63	75	0.5	5
McAuliffe	1	E	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	86	50	85	1.5	2
McCaslin	4	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	100	25	10	-1	0
McDermott	34	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	75	75	95	2.5	7
Morton	7	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	25	13	8	-2.5	-6
Murray	43	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	75	63	95	2.5	2
Oemig	45	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	88	63	89	0	2
Parlette	12	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	13	38	14	-3.5	-3
Pflug	5	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	29	25	22	-0.5	-3
Prentice	11	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	75	43	90	1	10
Pridemore	49	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	86	88	97	1	10
Ranker	40	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	88	88	88	0.5	7
Regala	27	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	63	63	94	1.5	2
Roach	31	E	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	43	50	39	0.5	2
Rockefeller	23	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	75	43	86	-0.5	2
Schoesler	9	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	25	25	12	-2.5	-10
Sheldon	35	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	50	38	31	-4	-6
Shin	21	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	75	50	87	1	5
Stevens	39	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	33	13	9	-1.5	-8
Swecker	20	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	25	25	21	-2	-1
Tom	48	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	50	50	59	-1	-3
Zarelli	18	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	13	25	14	-0.5	-6



HOUSE

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Representative	Dis.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	2010 %	2009 %	LIFE-TIME	SPON. (5 pts)	ADV. (10 pts)
Alexander	20	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	0	25	15	-3.5	-1
Anderson	5	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	0	13	16	-1	-8
Angel	26	●	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	20	25	22	-1.5	5
Appleton	23	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	100	88	98	5	7
Armstrong	12	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	0	14	14	-0.5	-8
Bailey	10	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	10	25	14	-0.5	-8
Blake	19	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	90	75	90	0	2
Campbell	2	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	50	75	72	4.5	7
Carlyle	36	●	E	E	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	75	50	63	3	2
Chandler	15	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	0	13	9	-3	-6
Chase	32	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	100	88	99	5	7
Chopp	43	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	90	75	95	5	0
Clibborn	41	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	70	50	85	0	1
Cody	34	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	90	75	97	3.5	5
Condotta	12	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	0	25	14	-4	-6
Conway	29	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	100	88	99	5	10
Crouse	4	●	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	20	25	12	-1.5	0
Dammeier	25	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	10	38	22	-1	2
Darneille	27	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	90	75	93	2.5	2
DeBolt	20	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	0	25	15	0	0
Dickerson	36	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	100	88	96	2	5
Driscoll	6	●	●	●	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	60	71	65	1	7
Dunshee	44	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	100	75	92	2.5	7
Eddy	48	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	50	63	74	1.5	-6
Ericks	1	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	90	38	89	-1	2
Ericksen	42	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	0	25	17	-1	-8
Fagen	9	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	10	--	10	0	0
Finn	35	●	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	50	50	50	0	0
Flannigan	27	E	E	E	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	100	67	95	0.5	0
Goodman	45	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	90	88	89	3	2
Green	28	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	100	88	97	5	10
Haigh	35	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	○	○	○	80	50	92	1	2
Haler	8	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	0	25	28	-2.5	-1
Hasegawa	11	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	100	100	100	4.5	10
Herrera	18	●	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	10	29	19	1	0
Hinkle	13	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	0	14	13	-1	-6
Hope	44	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	10	25	17	0	0
Hudgins	11	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	100	75	97	4.5	7
Hunt	22	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	100	88	97	5	2
Hunter	48	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	○	○	80	29	78	1	2
Hurst	31	●	E	E	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	43	75	89	1	2
Jacks	49	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	○	○	○	90	88	89	1.5	2
Johnson	14	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	0	25	11	-1.5	0
Kagi	32	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	○	○	○	80	75	92	2	5
Kelley	28	●	●	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	50	38	66	0.5	0
Kenney	46	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	100	88	98	5	10
Kessler	24	●	●	●	●	●	○	○	○	○	○	70	50	81	1	2
Kirby	29	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	100	88	98	0	5
Klippert	8	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	0	25	11	-0.5	-8
Kretz	7	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	E	0	25	13	-1	0
Kristiansen	39	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	0	25	11	-0.5	-8
Lias	21	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	90	88	93	4.5	4
Linville	42	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	○	○	○	80	63	73	-2.5	2
Maxwell	41	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	○	○	○	80	75	78	1.5	0
McCoy	38	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	100	75	94	3	7
McCune	2	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	10	25	25	0	0
Miloscia	30	●	●	●	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	80	100	92	2	7
Moeller	49	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	○	○	○	90	75	95	5	10
Morrell	25	●	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	80	75	94	3.5	5
Morris	40	●	●	●	●	●	○	○	○	○	○	70	38	80	0	0
Nealey	16	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	0	--	0	-0.5	0
Nelson	34	●	●	●	●	●	●	○	○	○	○	90	88	93	5	10
O'Brien	1	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	60	13	83	0.5	0
Orcutt	18	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	0	25	15	-0.5	-8
Ormsby	3	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	100	88	99	5	10
Orwall	33	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	○	○	○	90	75	83	1.5	2
Parker	6	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	10	25	17	0	0
Pearson	39	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	0	25	16	-0.5	0
Pedersen	43	●	E	E	●	●	●	●	○	○	○	75	75	89	0.5	2
Pettigrew	37	●	●	●	●	●	●	○	○	○	○	90	75	94	2	5
Priest	30	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	40	38	41	0.5	2
Probst	17	●	●	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	60	63	61	0	2
Quall	40	●	●	●	●	●	○	○	○	○	○	80	38	74	0	0
Roach	31	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	10	25	24	-0.5	-5
Roberts	21	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	100	75	97	2.5	7
Rodne	5	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	0	25	19	-2	0
Rolfes	23	●	●	●	●	●	○	○	○	○	○	90	75	84	3	2
Ross	14	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	0	25	11	-2.5	-8
Santos	37	●	●	●	●	●	○	○	○	○	○	80	75	93	3	5
Schmick	9	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	0	25	11	-1.5	0
Sequist	26	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	40	63	74	3.5	1
Sells	38	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	100	100	100	5	10
Shea	4	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	E	○	○	0	25	18	0	-3
Short	7	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	0	14	6	-0.5	-8
Simpson	47	●	●	●	●	●	○	○	○	○	○	90	100	98	5	10
Smith	10	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	10	25	18	-0.5	2
Springer	45	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	60	38	80	-0.5	0
Sullivan	47	●	●	●	●	●	●	○	○	○	○	90	88	95	5	7
Takko	19	●	●	●	●	●	○	○	○	○	○	70	63	85	0	0
Taylor	15	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	0	25	11	0	0
Upthegrove	33	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	100	88	95	<	