

COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT



between

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**DEPARTMENT OF
ADMINISTRATIVE
SERVICES**

on behalf of

Oregon Department
of Corrections

and

AFSCME

LOCAL 1406 / COUNCIL 75,
AMERICAN FEDERATION OF STATE, COUNTY,
AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES (AFL-CIO)

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PREAMBLE

This Agreement is made and entered into by the State of Oregon, hereinafter referred to as the "Employer", acting by and through its Department of Administrative Services on behalf of the Department of Corrections, and the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees Local 3327, Council 75, hereinafter referred to as the "Union".

ARTICLE 1 - RECOGNITION

The Employer recognizes the Union as the exclusive bargaining agent and representative for all half time (.5 FTE) or greater Dentists at the Department of Corrections, whose primary responsibility is clinical care of patients; excluding all contract Dentists, supervisory and confidential employees as defined by ORS 243.650(6) and (14).

ARTICLE 2 - EFFECT OF LAW AND RULES

This Agreement is subject to all applicable existing and future laws of the State of Oregon.

ARTICLE 3 - LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Section 1. Provisions of this Agreement not requiring legislative funding or statutory changes before they can be put into effect shall be implemented on the effective date of this Agreement or the date otherwise specified in this Agreement. Necessary bills for implementation of the other provisions shall be submitted to the Legislative Assembly promptly upon the signing of this Agreement.

Section 2. Upon signing of this Agreement both parties will jointly recommend to the Legislative Assembly the passage of the funding and statutory changes necessary to implement this Agreement.

ARTICLE 4 - UNION SECURITY

Section 1. Union Activities. Each Agency agrees to inform all new employees hired into positions included in the bargaining unit of the Union's exclusive representation status, and shall provide all present and future employees in the bargaining unit with a copy of the Agreement.

Section 2. Union Representation. The Union will notify the Agency's Human Resources (HR) Manager in writing of its representative of the Local or District Council 75, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO.

Upon proper introduction and notice, the representative shall have reasonable access to the premises of the Institution during all working hours to conduct Union business. These representatives shall observe the security regulations of the Institution. Such visits are not to interfere with the normal flow of work.

Section 3. Unless otherwise provided in this Agreement, the internal business of the Union shall be conducted by the employee during nonduty time.

Section 4. Union Stewards.

- a. The Union shall notify the Agency HR Manager of the selection of stewards and their alternates.
- b. Stewards may receive and discuss complaints and grievances of employees on the premises and time of the Institution, but only to such extent that it does not neglect, retard, or interfere with the work and duties of the stewards or with the work or duties of employees. Stewards shall be granted reasonable time off during regularly scheduled working hours without loss of pay or other benefits to investigate grievances upon notice to their immediate supervisor. If the permitted activities would interfere with either the steward's or the grievant's duties, the direct supervisor(s) shall, within the next working day, arrange a mutually satisfactory time for the requested activities.
- c. At the Union's request and subject to the operating requirements of the Institution, stewards for the Union shall be granted accrued vacation leave, accrued compensatory time or leave of absence without pay to attend the Union's steward training session.

Section 5. Dues Deductions. The Agency agrees to deduct monthly membership dues from the pay of those individuals who request such deductions in writing. The amount to be deducted shall be certified to the Agency HR Manager by the Union, and the aggregate deductions shall be remitted monthly, together with an itemized statement, to the treasurer of the Union.

Section 6. Lists. The Agency shall furnish to the Union, monthly, a list of names, classifications and home addresses of new employees in the bargaining unit and a listing of changes of address of bargaining unit employees who have submitted such notice to the Personnel Office. The Agency shall furnish the Union with a monthly listing of employees who have terminated from the bargaining unit during the previous month.

Section 7. Use of Facilities. Upon request and approval of the Corrections Department, Institution Medical Services Manager, the Union shall be allowed the use of the facilities of the Institution for meetings when such facilities are available and the meeting would not interfere with the business of the Institution.

Section 8. Union Dues and Fair Share.

1. On the first pay period of each month, the Agency shall deduct from the wages of employees in the bargaining unit who are members of the Union, and who have requested such deductions pursuant to ORS 292.055, a sum equal to Union dues. This deduction shall begin on the first payroll period following such authorization and shall continue from month to month for the life of this Agreement.
2. Employees in the bargaining unit who are not members of the Union shall make payments in lieu of dues to the Union. Payments in lieu of dues shall be

equivalent to regular Union dues. Effective the first of the month following the month in which this Agreement is executed and on each pay period thereafter the institution will deduct from the wages of each bargaining unit employee who is not a Union member the payments in lieu of dues required by this Section. Similar deductions will be made in a similar manner from the wages of new bargaining unit employees who did not become members of the Union within thirty (30) days after the effective date of their employment. The Agency shall remit a payment of all said deductions to the Union by the 20th of the month after the deductions are made. Said payments shall be accompanied by a listing of the names and Oregon Employee Identification numbers of all employees from whom deductions are made.

3. During the life of this Agreement, the Union will notify the Agency periodically of individuals who have become members of the Union and to whom the Fair Share provisions of this Section will not thereafter apply.
4. Any employee who is a member of a church or religious body having bona fide religious tenets or teachings which prohibit association with a labor organization, or the payment of dues to it, shall pay an amount of money equivalent to regular Union dues to a nonreligious charity, or to another charitable organization mutually agreed upon by the employee affected and the Union. The employee shall furnish written proof to the Agency that this has been done. Notwithstanding an employee's claim of exemption under this Section, the Institution shall deduct payments in lieu of dues from the employee's wages pursuant to this Section, until agreement has been reached between the employee and the Union.
5. The Union shall provide the Agency's Payroll Office with the Union application/authorization forms. Payroll clerks shall supply said applications to prospective members upon request, and shall process completed applications, forwarding a copy to the Union immediately upon receipt.
6. The Union agrees that it will indemnify, defend, and save the Employer and each Agency harmless from all suits, actions, proceedings, and claims against the Employer, the Agencies, or persons acting on behalf of the Employer or the Agencies for damages, compensation, reinstatement, or a combination thereof arriving out of the Agencies implementation of this Article.

Section 9. AFSCME President Leave.

- a. Long Term. Upon written request from the Executive Director of AFSCME Council 75 to DAS Labor Relations Unit, one (1) President/designee from an AFSCME Council 75 Central Table participating Agency shall be given release time from his/her position for a period of time up to one (1) year for the performance of Union duties related to the collective bargaining relationship. However, if the Union President/designee or Executive Director requests release time for less than his/her full regular schedule, such release time shall be subject to the Employer's approval based on the operating needs of the employee's work unit. AFSCME shall, within thirty (30) days of payment to the employee, reimburse the State for payment of appropriate salary, benefits, paid leave time, pension, and all other employer-related costs. Where this reimbursement is expressly prohibited by law or funding source, the employee shall be granted a

leave of absence but the Employer will not be responsible for continuing to pay the employee's salary and benefits. AFSCME shall indemnify and hold the State harmless against any and all claims, damages, suits, or other forms of liability which may arise out of any action taken or not taken by the State for the purpose of complying with this provision.

- b. **Short Term.** Upon written request from the Executive Director of AFSCME Council 75 to DAS Labor Relations Unit and the Agency's HR Manager, up to four (4) Presidents/designees from AFSCME Council 75 Central Table participating Agencies shall be given release time from his/her position for a period of time up to three (3) months for the performance of Union duties related to the collective bargaining relationship. Only one (1) employee from a bargaining unit and a total of four (4) employees from all Central Table Participating bargaining units may be on such leave at any one period in time. Such requests will be granted unless the affected Agency can demonstrate that the employee's absence would adversely impact the operating needs of the employee's work unit. If granted, such time may also be taken on an intermittent basis. AFSCME shall, within thirty (30) days of payment to the employee, reimburse the State for payment of appropriate salary, benefits, paid leave time, pension, and all other employer-related costs. Where this reimbursement is expressly prohibited by law or funding source, the employee shall be granted a leave of absence but the Employer will not be responsible for continuing to pay the employee's salary and benefits.

Section 10. Names of Retirees. The Employer will send a monthly report to the Union of the names of individuals that have retired the previous month. For purposes of this Agreement, a retiree shall be defined as a person who has given the Agency written notice that he/she is separating from State service by retirement and that person has actually separated from State service.

Section 11. Reports. Upon request and no more than once a quarter the Agency shall provide to the Union the names of any temporary/Limited duration employees (management/unrepresented/bargaining unit) hired, reason for the hire and expected duration of the appointment.

Upon request and no more than once a quarter, the Agency shall provide to the Union the names of all employees in double fill positions, the reason for the double fill and the expected duration of the appointment if available.

Upon request, the Agency shall provide to the Union on an annual basis the Agency organization charts showing management positions and the positions they supervise.

Section 12. Intermittent Union Leave. When Union officials (officers and stewards) are designated in writing by the Executive Director of Oregon AFSCME to attend AFSCME Council 75 Biennial or AFSCME International Conventions, the following provisions apply.

- A. The Executive Director of Oregon AFSCME shall notify affected agencies in writing of the name of the employee(s) at least thirty (30) days in advance of the

date of the AFSCME Convention. For agencies of 100 or fewer bargaining unit members, no more than one bargaining unit member per agency may be designated to attend AFSCME conventions. For agencies of greater than 100 bargaining unit members, no more than two bargaining unit members may be designated to attend AFSCME conventions under this provision.

- B. Subject to agency head or designee approval based on the operating needs of the employee's work unit, including staff availability, the employee will be authorized release time with pay.
- C. The paid release time is limited to attendance at the conference and travel time to the conference if such time occurs during the employee's regularly scheduled working hours up to forty (40) hours per calendar year.
- D. The release time shall be coded as Union business leave or other identified payroll code as determined by the State.
- E. The release time shall not be included in the calculation of overtime nor considered as work related for purposes of workers' compensation.
- F. The employee will continue to accrue leaves and appropriate benefits under the applicable collective bargaining agreement except as limited herein.
- G. The Union shall, within thirty (30) days of payment to the employee, reimburse the State's affected agency for all Employer related costs associated with the release time, regular base wage and benefits, for attendance at the applicable conference.
- H. The Union shall indemnify and the Union and employee shall hold the State harmless against any and all claims, damages, suits, or other forms of liability which may arise out of any action taken or not taken by the State for the purpose of complying with these provisions.

Section 13. Maintenance of Membership

All members of the bargaining unit who are members of the Union as of the effective date of the Agreement or who subsequently voluntarily become members of the Union shall continue to pay dues, or the equivalent, to the Union during the term of this Agreement. This section shall not apply during the 30-day period prior to the expiration of this Agreement for those employees who, by written notice sent to the Union and the Employer, indicate their desire to withdraw their membership from the Union.

The Union shall indemnify and save the Agency harmless against any and all claims, damages, suits or other forms of liability which may arise out of any action taken or not taken by the Agency for the purpose of complying with the provisions of this section.

ARTICLE 5 - MAINTENANCE OF STANDARDS

The Agency shall not issue any directive or written statements that have any effect on mandatory subjects of bargaining established by this Collective Bargaining Agreement unless such directives or statements have been agreed upon with the Union. Nothing in this Section is intended to inhibit the Agency from issuing directives and/or statements which interpret or effectuate a contractual obligation; however, a copy of such statements or directives shall be sent to the Union prior to distribution.

ARTICLE 6 - STRIKES AND LOCKOUTS

The Employer agrees that during the term of this Agreement, the Employer shall not cause or permit any lockout of employees from their work. In the event an employee is unable to perform his/her assigned duties because equipment or facilities are not available due to a strike, work stoppage, or slow down by any other employees, such inability to provide work shall not be deemed a lockout.

During the term of this Agreement, the Union shall neither cause nor counsel the members of bargaining units for which it has been certified, or for which recognition has been extended by the Employer, to strike, walk out, slow down or commit other acts of work stoppage.

Upon notification, confirmed in writing by the Employer or Agency to the Union that certain bargaining unit employees covered by this Agreement are engaging in strike activity in violation of this Article, the Union shall, upon receipt of a mailing list, advise such striking employees in writing, with a copy to the Employer and Agency, to return to work immediately. Such notification by the Union shall not constitute an admission that it has caused or counseled such strike activity. The notification to employees covered by this Agreement by the Union shall be made at the request of the Employer or Agency.

ARTICLE 7 - SAVINGS CLAUSE

Should any Article, Section or portion of the Agreement be held unlawful and/or unenforceable by a court or board of competent jurisdiction, such invalidation shall apply only to the specific Article, Section or portion directly specified. Upon the receipt of such a decision, the parties shall, upon demand, begin negotiations to replace this Agreement's invalidated Article, Section or portion.

ARTICLE 8 - MANAGEMENT'S RIGHTS

Except as may be specifically modified by the terms of this Agreement, the State retains all rights of management in the direction of its work force.

These rights of management shall include, but not be limited to, the right to:

1. Direct employees.
2. Hire, promote, transfer, assign, and retain employees.
3. Suspend, discharge, or take other proper disciplinary action against

- employees.
4. Reassign employees.
 5. Relieve employees from duty because of lack of work or other proper reasons.
 6. Schedule work.
 7. Determine methods, means, and personnel by which operations are to be conducted.

ARTICLE 9 - CONTRACTING OUT

Section 1. The Union recognizes that the Employer has the management right, during the term of this Agreement, to decide to contract out work performed by bargaining unit members. However, when the contracting out will displace bargaining unit members, such decisions shall be made only after the affected Agency has conducted a formal feasibility study determining the potential costs and other benefits which would result from contracting out the work in question. The Employer agrees to notify the Union within one (1) week of its decision to conduct a formal feasibility study, indicating the job classifications and work areas affected. The Employer shall provide the Union with no less than thirty (30) days notice that it intends to request bids or proposals to contract out bargaining unit work where the decision would result in displacement of bargaining unit members. During this thirty (30) day period, the Employer shall not request any bids or proposals and the Union shall have the opportunity to submit an alternate proposal. The notification by the Employer to the Union of the results of the feasibility study will include all pertinent information upon which the Employer based its decision to contract out the work including, but not limited to, the total cost savings the Employer anticipates.

Feasibility studies will not be required when: (1) an emergency situation exists as defined in ORS 279.011(4), and (2) either the work in question cannot be done by available bargaining unit employees or necessary equipment is not readily available.

Nothing in this Article shall prevent the Employer from continually analyzing its operation for the purpose of identifying cost-saving opportunities.

Section 2. The Employer shall evaluate the Union's alternate proposal provided under Section 1. If the Employer's evaluation of the Union's alternate proposal confirms that it would result in providing quality and savings equal to or greater than that identified in the management plan, the Parties will agree in writing to implement the Union proposal.

Section 3. Should any full-time bargaining unit member become displaced as a result of contracting out, the Employer and the Union shall meet to discuss the effect on bargaining unit members. The Employer's obligation to discuss the effect of such contracting does not obligate it to secure the agreement of the Union or to exhaust the dispute resolution procedure of ORS 243.712, 243.722, or 243.742, concerning the decision or the impact.

"Displaced" as used in this Article means when the work an employee is performing is contracted to another entity outside state government and the employee is removed from his/her job.

Section 4. Once an Agency makes a decision to contract out, the Agency will choose either (a) or (b) below. The Agency will notify affected employees of the option selected. The Agency will post and provide to the Union, a list of service credits for employees in all potentially affected classifications within the Agency. Within five (5) business days of the notice, the affected employees will notify the Agency of acceptance of the Agency's option or decision to exercise his/her rights under (c) below:

- a. Require the contractor to hire employees displaced by the contract at the same rate of pay for a minimum of six (6) months subject only to "just cause" terminations. In this instance, the state will continue to provide each such employee with six (6) months of health and dental insurance coverage through the Public Employee Benefits Board, if continuation of coverage under the Bargaining Unit Benefits Board is allowed by law and pertinent rules of eligibility. Pursuant to Article 27, an eligible employee shall be placed on the Agency layoff list and may, at the employee's discretion, be placed on a secondary recall list for a period of two (2) years; or
- b. Place employees displaced by a contract elsewhere in state government in the following order of priority: within the Agency, within the department, or within state service generally. Salaries of employees placed in lower classifications will be red-circled. To the extent this Article conflicts with Article 30, Filling of Vacancies, this Article shall prevail.
- c. An employee may exercise all applicable rights under Article 27, Layoff.

Section 5. The following provisions govern the administration of the requirement under this Article to conduct feasibility studies in cases of contracting out and will supplement the provisions included in the contract.

- a. The Employer agrees that all AFSCME-represented state agencies will conduct a feasibility study in instances of contracting out work performed by bargaining unit employees when contracting out will result in displacement of bargaining unit employees.
- b. The Parties agree that AFSCME-represented agencies will send directly to AFSCME's Executive Director and to DAS HRSD Labor Relations Unit all future notices of intent to conduct a feasibility study pursuant to Section 1.

Section 6. Review of Contracted Work. Upon request, the union may view state contracts deemed public records. The union will contact the agency manager responsible for procurement and contracts to arrange a time to review the contracts. The agency will let the union review any contracts that the agency itself stores, and are available through public records request. The union will contact the state archivist for older contracts under the public records law. The union may submit suggestions to the agency on agency initiated contracts as to how bargaining unit members could perform the work more efficiently (at reduced cost) and effectively (improved quality). The parties may discuss the union suggestions at their labor/management meetings and determine the most effective and efficient way to accomplish the work in the future for Agency initiated contracts. Decisions around reviewing of contracted work are not subject to the grievance procedure.

SEE LOA: [Feasibility study](#)

ARTICLE 10 - EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

Section 1. The Employer and the Union agree to continue their policies of not unlawfully discriminating against any employee because of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, mental or physical handicap, marital status, political affiliation, or sexual preference.

Section 2. Any and all complaints alleging any form of unlawful discrimination which are brought to the Union for processing will be submitted directly to the Agency Head. If the complaint is not satisfactorily resolved within thirty (30) calendar days of its submission at this level, the employee shall, if he/she chooses to proceed with the complaint, file the complaint with the Bureau of Labor and Industries or the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) for final resolution.

Discrimination complaints will not be subject to the grievance procedure contained in this Agreement unless the Bureau of Labor and Industries or other such body declines jurisdiction, then the employee may file a written grievance within thirty (30) calendar days from the date jurisdiction was declined.

ARTICLE 11 - SALARIES

Section 1. Retirement.

a. **Public Employees Retirement System ("PERS") Members.**

For purposes of this Section 1, "employee" means an employee who is employed by the State on August 28, 2003 and who is eligible to receive benefits under ORS Chapter 238 for service with the State pursuant to Section 2 of Chapter 733, Oregon Laws 2003.

Retirement Contributions.

On behalf of employees, the State will continue to "pick up" the six percent (6%) employee contribution, payable pursuant to law. The parties acknowledge that various challenges have been filed that contest the lawfulness, including the constitutionality, of various aspects of PERS reform legislation enacted by the 2003 Legislative Assembly, including Chapters 67 (HB 2003) and 68 (HB 2004) of Oregon Laws 2003 ("PERS Litigation"). Nothing in this Agreement shall constitute a waiver of any party's rights, claims or defenses in respect to the PERS Litigation.

b. **Oregon Public Service Retirement Plan Pension Program Members.**

For purposes of this Section 2, "employee" means an employee who is employed by the State on or after August 29, 2003 and who is not eligible to receive benefits under ORS Chapter 238 for service with the State pursuant to Section 2 of Chapter 733, Oregon Laws 2003.

Contributions to Individual Account Programs.

As of the date that an employee becomes a member of the Individual Account Program established by Section 29 of Chapter 733, Oregon Laws 2003 and pursuant to Section 3 of that same chapter, the State will pay an amount equal to six percent (6%) of the employee's monthly salary, not to be deducted from the salary, as the employee's contribution to the employee's account in that

program. The employee's contributions paid by the State under this Section 2 shall not be considered to be "salary" for the purposes of determining the amount of employee contributions required to be contributed pursuant to Section 32 of Chapter 733, Oregon Laws 2003.

c. **Effect of Changes in Law (Other than PERS Litigation).**

In the event that the State's payment of a six percent (6%) employee contribution under Section 1 or under Section 2, as applicable, must be discontinued due to a change in law, valid ballot measure, constitutional amendment, or a final, non-appealable judgment from a court of competent jurisdiction (other than in the PERS Litigation), the State shall increase by six percent (6%) the base salary rates for each classification in the salary schedules in lieu of the six percent (6%) pick-up. This transition shall be done in a manner to assure continuous payment of either the six percent (6%) contribution or a six percent (6%) salary increase.

For the reasons indicated above, or by mutual agreement, if the State ceases paying the applicable six percent (6%) pickup and instead provides a salary increase for eligible bargaining unit employees during the term of the Agreement, and bargaining unit employees are able, under then-existing law, to make their own six percent (6%) contributions to their PERS account or the Individual Account Program account, as applicable, such employees' contributions shall be treated as "pre-tax" contributions pursuant to Internal Revenue Code, Section 414(h)(2).

Section 2. Salaries - Cost of Living Adjustment.

Effective December 1, 2015, or either the first (1st) of the month following the date the bargaining unit ratifies the Agreement or upon receipt of an interest arbitration award, whichever is later, all pay rates will be increased by two and one quarter percent (2.25%).

Effective December 1, 2016, or either the first (1st) of the month following the date the bargaining unit ratifies the Agreement or upon receipt of an arbitration award, whichever is later, all pay rates will be increased by two and three quarters percent (2.75%).

Section 3. Bilingual Differential. When formally assigned in writing, an employee assigned to interpret to or from another language to English will receive a differential of five percent (5%) of base pay. Effective six (6) months from the date this agreement is signed, employees officially assigned in writing will be required to pass a standardized test to become eligible for this differential.

Section 4. Exempt employees who work over forty (40) hours in a work week shall receive hour-for-hour compensation in the form of time off for hours exceeding forty (40) in the work week. Such time will be used by June 30 each year or lost.

ARTICLE 12 - INSURANCE

Section 1. Plan Years 2016 through 2017.

For Plan Years 2016 and 2017 the Employer will pay ninety-five percent (95%) and the employee will pay five percent (5%) of the monthly premium rate as determined by PEBB. For employees who enroll in a medical plan that is at least ten percent (10%) lower in cost than the monthly premium rate for the highest cost plan available to the majority of employees, the Employer shall pay ninety-nine percent (99%) of the monthly premium for PEBB health, vision, dental and basic life insurance benefits and the employee shall pay one percent (1%).

Section 2. PEBB 2017 Projected Funding Composite Rate and 2016 Cost of Living Adjustment.

For every one and eighty-two one hundredths percent (1.82%) projected composite rate is below the projected three and four tenth percent (3.4%) increase for Plan Year 2017, the December 2016 two and three quarters percent (2.75%) across the board pay increase will be paid one (1) month earlier but no more than two (2) months earlier.

SEE LOAs: [Part-Time Medical](#), [PMAC](#), [PMAC Education](#), [Kaiser Deductible](#)

ARTICLE 13 - SAFETY AND HEALTH

The Agency agrees to abide by standards of safety and health in accordance with the Oregon Safe Employment Act, and other applicable law.

The Department of Corrections will be OSHA compliant for personal protective equipment.

ARTICLE 14 - TRAINING AND EDUCATION

The Agency recognizes the need and desirability of professional training for dentists. To that end, and subject to the availability of resources, the Agency agrees to subsidize training and educational opportunities which a regular status dentist and Management agree are appropriate.

Participation in approved training opportunities which occur outside regular work hours/days shall be reason for employees to flex their workweek or receive hour for hour compensation in the form of time off.

Regular status part-time employees shall be paid for time spent in approved training opportunities on a pro-rated basis.

Continuing educational opportunities shall be allowed for regular status employees and shall be subsidized up to the required forty (40) hours every two (2) year licensing period.

ARTICLE 15 - SICK LEAVE

Sick leave, with pay, shall be determined as follows:

Section 1. Employees shall accrue eight (8) hours of sick leave for each full-time month worked. Employees working less than a full-time month, but at least thirty-two (32) hours shall accrue sick leave on a pro rata basis.

Section 2. Whenever an employee accepts an appointment in another agency of State service covered by this Agreement, the employee's accrued sick leave in the former agency shall be assumed by the new employing agency.

Section 3. Employees who have been separated from the State service and return to a position, except as a temporary, within two (2) years shall have unused sick leave credits accrued during previous employment restored.

Section 4. Actual time worked and all leave with pay, except for educational leave, shall be included in determining the pro rata accrual of sick leave credits each month provided that the employee works thirty-two (32) hours or more that month. Employees shall be eligible to utilize sick leave immediately upon accrual.

Section 5. Employees who have earned sick leave credits shall be eligible for sick leave for any period of absence from employment which is due to the employee's illness, bodily injury, disability resulting from pregnancy, necessity for medical or dental care, exposure to contagious disease, attendance upon members of the employee's immediate family (employee's parents, wife, husband, children, foster children, brother, sister, grandmother, grandfather, grandchildren, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, or another member of the immediate household) where employee's presence is required because of illness or death, in the immediate family of the employee or the employee's spouse. The Agency has the duty to require that the employee make other arrangements, within a reasonable period of time, for the attendance upon children or other persons in the employee's care. Certification of an attending physician or practitioner may be required by the Agency to support the employee's claim for sick leave, if the employee is absent in excess of seven (7) days, or if the Agency has evidence that the employee is abusing sick leave privileges. The Agency may also require such certificate from an employee to determine whether the employee should be allowed to return to work where the Agency has reason to believe that the employee's return to work would be a health hazard to either the employee or to others. Any cost associated with the supplying of a certificate concerning a job-incurred injury or illness that is not covered by Workers' Compensation benefits shall be borne by the Agency.

Section 6. If an employee's sick leave accrual shall become exhausted, the employee may, at his/her option, with management's approval, utilize any vacation, holiday, or compensatory time the employee has accrued.

Section 7. Salary paid for a period of sick leave resulting from a condition incurred on the job and also covered by Workers' Compensation, shall be equal to the difference between the

Workers' Compensation for lost time and the employee's regular salary rate. In such instances, prorated charges will be made against accrued sick leave. Should an employee who has exhausted earned sick leave elect to use vacation leave or compensatory time during a period in which Workers' Compensation is being received, the salary paid for such period shall be equal to the difference between the Workers' Compensation for lost time and the employee's regular salary rate. In such instances, prorated charges will be made against accrued vacation leave.

Section 8. Non-Job Related Sick Leave Without Pay.

- a. After earned sick leave has been exhausted, the Appointing Authority shall grant sick leave without pay for any non-job-incurred injury or illness to any otherwise qualified employee upon request for a period up to six (6) months provided such leave will not seriously handicap the work of the Agency. The Agency and employee shall meet or talk every three (3) months to discuss the employee's status. Extensions of sick leave without pay for any non-job-incurred injury or illness beyond six (6) months but not exceeding one (1) year must be approved by the Appointing Authority. The Appointing Authority may require that the otherwise qualified employee submit a certificate from the attending physician or practitioner in verification of disability resulting from job-incurred or non-job-incurred injury or illness for each request made.

The Agency may require medical certification from the attending physician every six (6) weeks. Otherwise qualified employees requesting leave without pay shall be offered alternate work in a reasonable and consistent manner if it is available and appropriate.

- b. In the event of a failure or refusal by an otherwise qualified employee on a non-job-related sick leave without pay to supply such a certificate, or if the certificate does not clearly show sufficient disability to preclude that employee from the performance of duties, such sick leave may be canceled by registered letter to the last known address. Failure to return to work or supply a certificate within five (5) days of delivery or attempted delivery shall be deemed a resignation.

Section 9. To donate to a specific employee in a different Agency, the employee (donor) must submit a written request to his/her appointing authority/designee. The appointing authority or designee from both the donor's and recipient's agencies may authorize the transfer of donated leave between agencies, subject to restrictions on the use of dedicated funding sources and/or other legitimate business reasons.

Section 10. Upon request, employees may use hardship leave hours for parental leave.

ARTICLE 16 - VACATION LEAVE

Section 1. After having served in the State service for six (6) full calendar months, full-time employees shall be credited with six (6) days of vacation leave and thereafter vacation leave shall be accumulated as follows:

After 6 months through 5th year	15 work days for each 12 full calendar months of service (10 hours per month)
After 5th year through 10th year	18 work days for each full 12 calendar months of service (12 hours per month)
After 10th year through 15th year	21 work days for each 12 full calendar months of service (14 hours per month)
After 15th year through 20th year	24 work days for each 12 full calendar months of service (16 hours per month)
After 20th year through 25 th year	27 work days for each 12 full calendar months of service (18 hours per month)
After 25 th year	30 workdays for each 12 full calendar months of service (20 hours per month)

Section 2. Compensation for use of accrued vacation shall be at the employee's prevailing straight time rate of pay.

Section 3. In the event of an employee's death, all monies due him/her for accumulated vacation or salary shall be paid as provided by law.

Section 4. Vacation credit shall continue to be earned while an employee is using paid leave.

Section 5. Service with a jury shall be considered time worked.

Section 6. If an employee has a break in service and that break does not exceed two (2) years, he/she shall be given credit for the time worked prior to the break in service in determining accrual rate.

Section 7. Time spent in actual State service or on military leave, educational leave, or job-incurred disability, leave without pay shall be considered as time in the State service in determining the length of service for vacation accrual rate.

a) **Section 8.** Vacation hours may accumulate to a maximum of three hundred fifty (350) hours; however, in the event of separation or layoff any unused vacation up to two hundred fifty (250) hours only will be paid to the employee. When an employee notifies the Agency they plan to separate from Agency service within the next two (2) calendar months, and the employee has at the time of such notice more than two hundred fifty (250) hours of accrued vacation hours, the Agency and employee will work together to find a mutually agreeable time for the employee to take time off to reduce accrued vacation hours down to the two hundred fifty (250) hours. An appointing authority may authorize cash payment of forty (40) hours, upon determining that granting of vacation

leave is not appropriate. The designated supervisor must document the denial of the vacation leave request. Cash payout for accrued vacation leave must not be granted more than once in each fiscal year.

Section 9. Employees who work at least thirty-two (32) hours per month shall accrue vacation leave on a pro rata basis.

Section 10. Upon reasonable notice to and approval of the Employer, employees shall be permitted to use any portion of, or all of their accrued vacation credits in any segment, except:

- a. That employees shall have their vacation time paid in full when they are laid off, terminated, or resign, retire or take educational leave without pay in excess of thirty (30) days;
- b. As provided for set-off of damages or misappropriation of State property or equipment on termination;
- c. To avoid losing vacation, the Employer may schedule the employee who has accrued two hundred fifty (250) hours to take vacation or make a cash payment in lieu of scheduling;
- d. If two (2) or more employees request the same period of time and the matter cannot be resolved by agreement of the parties concerned, the employee having the greatest length of State service shall be granted the time; however, seniority may be exercised only once in any calendar year.

Section 11. Employees that transfer from one (1) AFSCME bargaining unit to another AFSCME bargaining unit shall be allowed to transfer up to eighty (80) hours of accrued vacation credit. The balance of vacation credit shall be paid for at the time of transfer.

Note: Service dates are adjusted for breaks over fifteen (15) calendar days.

ARTICLE 17 - LEAVES WITH PAY

Employees shall be granted a leave of absence with pay in accordance with the following;

- a. Service with a jury. The employee may keep any money paid by the court for serving on jury.
- b. Appearances before a court, legislative committee, or judicial body as a witness in response to a subpoena or other direction by proper authority for matters relating to the employee's officially assigned duties. The employee may keep any money paid in connection with the appearance.
- c. Taking part without pay in a search and rescue operation at the specific request of any law enforcement agency, the Administrator of the Board of Aeronautics, the United States Forest Service, or any local organization of civil defense, for a period of no more than five (5) working days.
- d. Other authorized duties in connection with State business.
- e. An employee who has been employed in State Service for six (6) months or more, and who is a member of the National Guard or any reserve components of the Armed Forces of the United States, is entitled to leave of absence from the employee's duties for a period not to exceed fifteen (15) calendar days or eleven

- (11) working days in any federal fiscal year (October through September).
- f. An employee may be granted educational leave in which the Agency may defray a part or all of the cost, either through allotment or payment of salary. Such leave shall be granted only when the benefits to be realized by the State will outweigh the cost and inconvenience to the State. Each request for leave must be approved by the Agency Head or designee, who normally shall not approve such leave for more than one (1) year. Vacation leave shall not accrue during an educational leave with pay, the duration of which exceeds fifteen (15) calendar days.
- g. Interview leave shall be allowed pursuant to the following:
1. Employees, subject to providing reasonable notice and receiving prior management approval, shall be allowed agency paid time to interview for positions within their agency when such interview(s) occurs during their work hours. An Appointing Authority or designee shall determine the appropriate amount of time for the interview and whether the time taken for interviews is excessive. Such determination is not subject to the grievance procedure.
 2. Employees, subject to providing reasonable notice and receiving prior management approval, shall be allowed up to two (2) hours of agency paid time to interview for positions with another state agency when such interviews(s) occurs during their work hours. An Appointing Authority or designee shall determine whether the amount of time requested for the interview is appropriate and whether the time taken for interview is excessive. Such determination is not subject to the grievance procedure.
Interview leave time approved and taken to interview with another state agency that exceeds two (2) hours of agency paid time must be recorded as accrued leave, leave without pay, or managed through approved flex time within the same workweek.
 3. All interview leave time approved under Guidelines 1 and 2 must be recorded as IT on the employee's timesheet/time reporting period.
 4. Interview leave used shall not count as time worked for purposes of overtime.
 5. An agency shall not incur any employee reimbursement costs.
- h. Bereavement Leave. Notwithstanding the Hardship Leave or Sick Leave eligibility criteria of the affected collective bargaining agreements, employees shall be eligible for a maximum of twenty-four (24) hours paid bereavement leave, prorated for part-time employees. The Agency may request documentation. For employees that qualify for OFLA bereavement leave, paid bereavement leave under this section of the Article shall run concurrently with OFLA when applicable. The Agency shall notify the employee when OFLA is running concurrently with bereavement leave. After OFLA eligible leave for bereavement is exhausted, if additional leave is needed, an employee may, with prior authorization, use any accrued leave, or leave without pay, at the option of the employee for any period of absence from employment to discharge the customary obligations arising from a death in the immediate family or the employee's spouse. Employees may, with prior authorization, use accrued vacation leave or compensatory time. Regular and Trial Service employees may

be eligible to receive up to forty (40) hours of donated leave, to be used consecutively. The employee must have exhausted all available accumulated leave and qualify to receive hardship leave. For purposes of this Article, "immediate family" shall include the employee's or the employee spouse's parent, wife, husband, child, brother, sister, grandmother, grandfather, grandchild, or the equivalent of each for domestic partners, or another member of the immediate household. Up to eight (8) hours of paid bereavement may be taken for aunt, uncle, niece or nephew.

ARTICLE 18 - LEAVE OF ABSENCE WITHOUT PAY

Section 1. Applying for leave of absence without pay will be in writing and submitted to the immediate supervisor.

Section 2. In instances where the work of an Agency shall not be genuinely handicapped by the temporary absence of an employee, the employee shall be granted a leave of absence without pay or educational leave without pay.

Section 3. Time spent on leave without pay in excess of thirty (30) consecutive days shall not be considered as service in determining the employee's eligibility date for a salary increase unless such time has been spent on leave resulting from job-incurred disability.

Section 4. Military Leave. An employee who has received official orders from any Uniform Services of the United States shall be given such Military Leave Without Pay as may be provided by law.

ARTICLE 19 - PRE-RETIREMENT COUNSELING LEAVE

- a. At any time after reaching forty-five (45) years of age and within five (5) years of the employee's chosen retirement date, each employee shall be granted up to three and one-half (3-1/2) days leave with pay to pursue bona fide pre-retirement counseling programs. Employees shall request the use of leave provided in this Article at least seven (7) days prior to the intended date of use.
- b. Authorization for the use of pre-retirement counseling leave shall not be withheld unless the Agency determines that the use of such leave shall handicap the efficiency of the employee's work unit.
- c. When the dates requested for pre-retirement leave cannot be granted for the above reason, the Agency shall offer the employee a choice from three (3) other sets of dates. The leave herein discussed may be used to investigate and assemble the employee's retirement program, including PERS, Social Security, insurance and other retirement income.

ARTICLE 20 - HOLIDAYS

Section 1. The following holidays will be recognized and paid for at the regular straight time rate of pay:

- a. New Year's Day on January 1.
- b. Martin Luther King's Birthday on the third Monday in January.
- c. President's Birthday on the third Monday in February.
- d. Memorial Day on the last Monday in May.
- e. Independence Day on July 4th.
- f. Labor Day on the first Monday in September.
- g. Veteran's Day on November 11.
- h. Thanksgiving Day on the fourth Thursday in November.
- i. The Friday after Thanksgiving.
- j. Christmas Day on December 25.
- k. Every day appointed by the Governor of the State of Oregon as a holiday and every day appointed by the President of the United States as a day of mourning, rejoicing, or other special observance only when the Governor also appoints that day as a holiday.

Section 2. For all employees who work in positions that are staffed five (5) days a week, Monday through Friday, when a holiday falls on Saturday, the previous Friday shall be recognized as the holiday. When a holiday falls on Sunday, the following Monday shall be recognized as the holiday.

For all employees who work in positions that are staffed seven (7) days a week, the recognized holiday will be the actual day specified in Section 1 above.

Section 3. Employees who are required to work on days recognized as holidays which fall within their regular work schedules shall be entitled, in addition to their regular salary, to compensatory time off for the time worked or to be paid in cash for time worked at the discretion of the Employer. Compensatory time off or cash paid for all time worked shall be at the rate of time and one-half (1-1/2). The additional compensation which an employee shall be paid for working on a holiday shall not exceed the rate of time and one-half (1-1/2) of his/her straight time pay. Any compensatory time earned may be converted to cash payment by the Employer. Holiday benefits shall be prorated for part-time employee.

Section 4. Where an employee has been approved to work an alternate work schedule such as a four (4) day, ten (10) hour workweek, management shall either revert the schedule to a five (5) day, eight (8) hour workweek or allow the employee to utilize other available paid leave for the balance of the holiday off.

Section 5. Holidays which occur during vacation or sick leave shall not be charged against such leave.

Section 6. Employees who work at least thirty-two (32) hours per month shall accrue holiday leave on a pro rata basis.

Section 7. At the completion of six (6) full calendar months of service, full-time employees shall be entitled to eight (8) hours of personal leave with pay for each fiscal year (July 1 through June 30). Part-time and seasonal employees shall be granted such leave on a prorated basis

at the completion of one thousand forty (1040) hours each fiscal year. Employees shall not

accumulate more than eight (8) hours of personal leave nor is any unused leave compensable in any other manner. Such leave may be taken at times mutually agreeable to the Institution and the employee.

ARTICLE 21 - TRAVEL, MILEAGE AND MOVING EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT

Section 1. Travel and Mileage Allowance. Reimbursements and procedures will be in accordance with Oregon Accounting Manual, Policy No. 40.10.00PO, and its successors. Changes in this policy will be automatically incorporated into this contract article.

Section 2. When the employee is required by the agency to travel, the actual travel time shall be considered time worked. Where required travel is outside an employee's regular work hours (excluding normal commuting time), the employer may temporarily modify the employee's weekly schedule without daily overtime or schedule change penalty. Where such schedule modification still results in the need for additional work hours, the employee shall be paid the appropriate rate of pay for all time worked over forty (40) hours in that workweek.

Section 3. Moving Expenses. Reimbursements and procedures will be in accordance with Department of Administrative Services, Chief Human Resource Office Policy 40.055.10, and its successors. Changes in this policy will be automatically incorporated into this contract article.

ARTICLE 22 - RECOUPMENT OF WAGE AND BENEFIT OVERPAYMENTS/ UNDERPAYMENTS

Section 1. Overpayments.

1. In the event that an employee receives wages or benefits from the Agency to which the employee is not entitled, regardless of whether the employee knew or should have known of the overpayment, the Agency shall notify the employee in writing of the overpayment which will include information supporting that an overpayment exists and the amount of wages and/or benefits to be repaid. For purposes of recovering overpayments by payroll deduction, the following shall apply:
 1. The Agency may, at its discretion, use the payroll deduction process to correct any overpayment made within a maximum period of two (2) years before the notification.
 2. Where this process is utilized, the employee and Agency shall meet and attempt to reach mutual agreement on a repayment schedule within thirty (30) calendar days following written notification.
 3. If there is no mutual agreement at the end of the thirty (30) calendar day period, the Agency shall implement the repayment schedule stated in sub (4) below.
 4. If the overpayment amount to be repaid is more than five percent (5%) of the employee's regular monthly base salary, the overpayment shall be recovered in monthly amounts not exceeding five percent (5%) of the employee's regular monthly base salary. If an overpayment is less than five percent (5%) of the employee's regular monthly base salary, the

overpayment shall be recovered in a lump sum deduction from the employee's paycheck. If an employee leaves Agency service before the Agency fully recovers the overpayment, the remaining amount may be deducted from the employee's final check.

2. An employee who disagrees with the Agency's determination that an overpayment has been made to the employee may grieve the determination through the grievance procedure.
3. The Article does not waive the Agency's right to pursue other legal procedures and processes to recoup an overpayment made to an employee at any time.

Section 2. Underpayments.

- a. In the event the employee does not receive the wages or benefits to which the record/documentation has for all times indicated the employer agreed the employee was entitled, the Agency shall notify the employee in writing of the underpayment. This notification will include information showing that an underpayment exists and the amount of wages and/or benefits to be repaid. The Agency shall correct any such underpayment made within a maximum period of two (2) years before the notification.
- b. This provision shall not apply to claims disputing eligibility for payments which result from this Agreement. Employees claiming eligibility for such things as leadwork, work out of classification pay or reclassification must pursue those claims pursuant to the timelines elsewhere in this Agreement.

ARTICLE 23 - TRIAL SERVICE

Section 1. All new employees appointed to a position, and those employees promoted, or reemployed after one (1) year in the same classification shall serve a trial service period of one (1) year.

Section 2. The supervisor shall evaluate the employee's work habits and ability to perform his/her duties satisfactorily within the trial service period. The Agency may remove an employee if, in the opinion of the Agency, the trial service indicates that such employee is unable or unwilling to perform his/her duties satisfactorily or that his/her work habits and dependability do not merit his/her continuance in the position. Such removals are not subject to appeal or the grievance procedure.

If such employee was previously a regular status employee in another position in the classified service immediately prior to his/her present appointment, he/she shall be reinstated to his/her former position or classification level unless charges are filed and he/she is discharged as provided in Article 21.

Section 3. An employee who is transferred to another position in the same class, or different class at the same or lower salary level in the Agency prior to completion of the trial service period, shall complete the trial service period in the latter position by adding the service in the former position.

Section 4. An employee who is on approved leave without pay shall have the trial service

period extended by the number of days of the leave without pay.

ARTICLE 24 - DISCIPLINE AND DISCHARGE

Section 1. The principles of progressive discipline shall be used except when the nature of the problem requires an immediate suspension, termination, reduction of pay, or demotion. A regular status employee may be suspended, reduced in pay, demoted, or dismissed only for just cause.

Section 2. A written predissmissal notice shall be given to a regular status employee against whom a charge is presented. Such notice shall include the known complaints, facts and charges, and a statement that the employee may be dismissed. The employee shall be afforded an opportunity to refute such charges or present mitigating circumstances to the Appointing Authority or his/her designee at a time and date set forth in the notice, unless a different time is requested by the employee and/or his Union representative and agreed to by the Agency. The employee shall be permitted to have an official representative present. The Appointing Authority may suspend the employee with pay or the employee may be allowed to continue work, as specified within the predissmissal notice.

Section 3. The dismissal of a regular status employee may be appealed by the Union to binding arbitration. The appeal must state the reasons for the appeal and be submitted to the Department of Administrative Services Labor Relations Unit in writing within ten (10) calendar days from the effective date of the dismissal. Within fifteen (15) days of the receipt of the Union's notice of intent to arbitrate a case, the Labor Relations Unit will send a letter to ERB requesting a list of arbitrators. The parties shall select an arbitrator and the Labor Relations Unit will notify the arbitrator, qualified per Section 6 of this Article, of his or her selection. The letter shall include a calendar of potential dates. The final decision and order of the Arbitrator shall be made within thirty (30) calendar days following the close of the hearing.

Section 4. An employee reduced in pay, demoted, or suspended shall receive written notice of the discipline with the specific charges and facts supporting the discipline. The reduction of pay, demotion and/or suspension of a regular status employee may be appealed to Step 3 of the Grievance Procedure within ten (10) calendar days from the effective date of the action. If the appeal is not resolved at Step 3, the Union may appeal the action to the Department of Administrative Services Labor Relations Unit within fifteen (15) calendar days after receiving the response from the Agency. The Labor Relations Unit shall respond to the grievance within fifteen (15) calendar days. If the grievance is unresolved, the Union may submit the issue to arbitration within fifteen (15) calendar days after receiving the response from the Labor Relations Unit.

Section 5. The parties agree that prior to arbitration of a disciplinary action involving a question of professional competence, either party, with notice to the other, may submit the issue to either the Board of Dentistry or the Oregon Dental Association for that organization's review and comment. Such comments will be considered advisory to both parties.

Section 6. Selection of an Arbitrator. The parties agree that an arbitrator chosen to resolve

disputes pursuant to this Article, shall have special qualifications. Special qualifications means an arbitrator who is referred by the Employment Relations Board or a dentist acceptable to both parties.

Section 7. The arbitrator's fees shall be paid by the losing party. Should the award be unclear regarding who is the losing party, the arbitrator will determine respective costs for each party and make this part of the award.

Section 8. Upon request, an employee shall have the right to Union representation during an investigatory interview that an employee reasonably believes will result in disciplinary action. The employee will have the opportunity to consult with a local union steward or an AFSCME Council Representative before the interview, but such consultation shall not cause an undue delay.

ARTICLE 25 - GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

Section 1. A grievance shall be any disagreement or dispute which arises concerning the application, meaning, or interpretation of this Agreement. The written grievance shall be filed using the procedure in Section 2.

Section 2.

Step 1. Any employee, with notice to the Union, or the Union on the employee's behalf may file a grievance in writing with his/her immediate supervisor, with a copy to the Agency Labor Relations Manager, within thirty (30) calendar days of the alleged action or the date the employee and the Union knew or should have known of the alleged action; however, appeals of discipline or discharge shall be pursuant to Article 21, Discipline and Discharge. Grievances shall be submitted on the AFSCME Grievance Form. The immediate supervisor shall respond in writing to the grievance within fourteen (14) calendar days after receipt of the grievance to the employee, with a copy to the Union and the Labor Relations Manager.

Step 2. If the grievance remains unresolved at Step 1, it may be appealed within fourteen (14) calendar days after the supervisor's response was due, to the Health Services Administrator. The Health Services Administrator or his/her designated representative, shall respond in writing to the employee, with copies to the Union and the Labor Relations Manager, within fourteen (14) calendar days after receipt of the grievance.

Step 3. If the grievance remains unresolved at Step 2, it may be appealed within fourteen (14) calendar days after the supervisor's response was due, to the Labor Relations Administrator. The Labor Relations Administrator, or his/her designated representative, shall respond in writing to the employee, with copies to the Union within fourteen (14) calendar days after receipt of the grievance.

Step 4. If the grievance remains unresolved at Step 3, it may be appealed within fourteen (14) calendar days after the Step 3 response was due, to the Department of Administrative Services Labor Relations Unit. The Labor Relations Unit shall respond within fourteen (14) calendar days after receipt of the grievance. For purposes of this article, an appeal in writing can be

delivered by first class registered or certified mail, postage paid, by fax or by electronic mail to the Labor Relations Unit email address LRU@oregon.gov.

Section 3. In the event the response from the Labor Relations Unit is acceptable to the Union, such response shall have the same force and effect as a decision or award of an Arbitrator, and shall be final and binding on all and they will abide thereby.

Section 4. Time limits may be extended by agreement of the parties confirmed in writing.

Section 5. The Union or the grievant shall not expand upon the original elements and substance of the written grievance. However, the Union or the employee may modify the Articles cited as being violated and the remedy requested prior to Step 2 of the Grievance Procedure.

Section 6. Any grievance, having progressed through the steps as outlined in this Agreement and remaining unresolved following Labor Relations Unit response, may be submitted by the Union to arbitration for settlement. To be valid, a request for arbitration must be in writing and mailed or delivered to the Labor Relations Unit within fourteen (14) calendar days of the receipt of the response from the Labor Relations Unit, or the response's due date, whichever is earlier.

Failure to file for arbitration within the specified fourteen (14) calendar day period shall constitute forfeiture of claim and the case shall be considered closed by all parties.

If the grievance is to be submitted to arbitration, a prearbitration meeting will be held. The meeting shall include both the Labor Relations Unit and the Agency meeting with the Union in an attempt to formulate a submission agreement to be forwarded to the Arbitrator.

Section 7. Selection of the Arbitrator.

- a. Within thirty (30) calendar days of affixing of the last signature to this Agreement, the Employer and the Union will jointly request from the Oregon State Employment Relations Board the names of five (5) qualified Arbitrators.
- b. In the event that arbitration becomes necessary, the Union and the Employer will select an Arbitrator by alternately striking names, with the moving party striking first, from the Employment Relations Board list one (1) name at a time until one (1) name remains on the list. The name remaining on the list shall be accepted by the parties as the Arbitrator.
- c. After each arbitration, either party may require that a joint request for a replacement list be made to the Employment Relations Board.

Section 8. The parties agree that the decision or award of the Arbitrator shall be final and binding on each of the parties and that they will abide thereby. The Arbitrator shall have no authority to add to, subtract from or change any of the terms of this Agreement, to change an existing wage rate or establish a new wage rate.

Section 9. The Arbitrator's fee and expenses shall be paid by the losing party. If in the opinion

of the Arbitrator, neither party can be considered the losing party, then such expenses shall be apportioned as in the Arbitrator's judgment is equitable. All other expenses shall be borne exclusively by the party requiring the service or item for which payment is to be made.

Section 10. Once a bargaining unit member files a grievance, the employee shall not be required to discuss the subject matter of the grievance without the presence of the Union representative if the employee elects to be represented by the Union.

ARTICLE 26 - PERSONNEL RECORDS

Section 1. An employee may, upon request, inspect the contents of his official Agency personnel files except for confidential reports from previous employers. No grievance material shall be kept in the official personnel file. There shall be only one (1) official personnel file kept for each employee.

Section 2. No information reflecting critically upon an employee shall be placed in the employee's official personnel file that does not bear the signature of the employee. The employee shall be required to sign such material to be placed in his personnel file provided the following disclaimer is attached:

"Employee's signature confirms only that the supervisor had discussed and given a copy of the material to the employee, and does not indicate agreement or disagreement."

If the employee is not available within a reasonable period of time or the employee refuses to sign the material, the Institution may place the material in the file provided a statement has been signed by two (2) management representatives and a copy of the document was mailed to the employee at his address of record and a copy to the Union.

Section 3. If the employee believes that any of the above material is incorrect or a misrepresentation of facts, he shall be entitled to prepare in writing his explanation or opinion regarding the prepared material or to file a written grievance. This shall be included as part of his official personnel record until the material is removed.

Section 4. Any reports, correspondence or documents of an adverse nature, three (3) years after the date they were written, may not be used against the employee, provided no incident of a similar nature occurred in the intervening time. Upon the employee's request three (3) years after the date they were written, the document shall be removed from the file.

ARTICLE 27 - LAYOFF

Section 1. Alternative to Layoff.

1. When the Agency believes that a lack of funds requires a layoff, the Agency will notify the Union no fewer than fifteen (15) calendar days before the Agency issues initial layoff notices. The parties will meet, if requested by either the Agency or Union, to consider alternatives to layoffs such as voluntary reductions in hours or workdays, temporary interruptions of employment or other voluntary employment options. Alternatives to the layoffs shall require mutual agreement between the Agency and Union. In the absence of any mutual agreement, the Agency will implement layoff procedures consistent with the current applicable agreement.

2. Agency and Union discussions under this agreement shall not constitute interim bargaining under the Public Employees Collective Bargaining Act. The parties shall not be required to use the dispute resolution procedures contained in the Public Employees Collective Bargaining Act.

Section 2.

A layoff is defined as a separation from service for involuntary reasons not reflecting discredit on an employee. An employee shall be given written notice of a pending layoff at least fifteen (15) days before the effective date stating the reason for the layoff. The Union will be notified as soon as the Agency anticipates any reduction of dentists pursuant to this Article.

It is understood that when an employee who is to be laid off possesses recognized Board specialty certification, the Agency may hold that employee in active status, while laying off the next employee in service credit order in the employee's stead. When it is necessary to hold an employee, who would otherwise be laid off, the Agency will document the need and such documentation shall be accessible to the Union for its review. Any dispute in this regard may be taken up as a grievance by the Union.

Section 3.

- a. Seniority Definition. Seniority is the Layoff Service Date, which is the date the employee began State service (except as a temporary appointee as adjusted for break(s) in service.
- b. Break in Service. A break in service is a separation or interruption of employment without pay for more than two (2) years. If an employee has a break in service that does not exceed two (2) years, he/she shall be given credit for the time worked prior to the break in service. Seniority will also be adjusted for leaves without pay in excess of one (1) year. Leave without pay pursuant to USERRA shall be recognized as service time pursuant to law.
- c. Seniority Frozen. When an Agency Intends to Initiate a Layoff. The Agency will notify the Union in writing that all seniority will be frozen from the date of notice for a period not to exceed three (3) months. However, during the period when seniority is frozen, the employee will continue to accumulate time toward seniority for purposes of future computations. The three (3) month freeze may be extended by mutual written agreement of the Union and the Agency.
- d. Equal Seniority. If it is found that two (2) or more employees in the Agency in which the layoff is to be made have equal seniority, then the greatest length of continuous service in the Agency shall be used. If ties between employees still exist, the order of layoff shall be determined by the Appointing Authority by using a lottery process as a final tie breaker to identify the order of layoff. The lottery process will include the following elements:
 - a. Agency and Union representatives will be present to witness the lottery process.
 - b. A double blind selection process will be employed. There will be one (1) 'hat' with employee names and one (1) 'hat' containing numbers.
 - c. One (1) representative shall pull names from the 'hat' and another representative will pull from the 'hat' containing numbers.

- d. The employee with the number 'one' ('1') will be considered to be the 'most senior' employee. The employee with the number 'two' ('2') will be considered the next 'most senior' employee. This process will continue until names and numbers are pulled and employee order of layoff is established.
- e. The results of the process in determining the order of layoff of employees with the same seniority scores will be used to determine the order of recall from the layoff list for these employees.
- f. Any disputes or decisions reached as a result of the process described herein shall not be subject to the grievance procedure.

Section 4. An employee shall not be required to displace another employee who works less hours than he/she works at the time of layoff. If the employee bumps into a position that carries more hours, then they must assume those hours.

Section 5. Layoff List. A layoff list shall be a list of employees by geographic area who are laid off from the Agency. Such lists are maintained in inverse order of layoff for the geographic area. No new employees may be hired within that geographic area until all employees on the layoff list have been offered reemployment. Names shall be maintained on the appropriate layoff list(s) for two (2) years from the effective date of layoff.

Section 6. Options in Lieu of Layoff. Any employee who is given notice of layoff may file a written request to exercise an option in lieu of layoff with the Appointing Authority within five (5) workdays of receipt of such notice. The employee's options shall be as follows:

- 1. Any employee notified of layoff may displace the lowest seniority employee in the worksite provided the employee can perform the specific requirements of the position.
 - a. When an employee cannot displace the lower seniority employee in the worksite, the employee may displace the lowest seniority employee within the Metropolitan area of which the worksite is located. The employee must be able to perform the specific requirement of the position Metropolitan area is: Portland/Wilsonville, Salem, Umatilla/Pendleton, and all others are considered independent.
 - b. If no positions are available under option 1a, the employee may displace the lowest seniority employee east or west of the Cascades, provided the employee can perform the specific requirements of the position.
 - c. If no positions are available under option 1b, the employee may displace the lowest seniority employee statewide.
- 2. Any employee notified of layoff may voluntarily fill any vacancy management intends to fill at any worksite provided the employee can perform the specific requirements of that position.
- 3. The employee may elect to be laid off. An employee who elects to be laid off shall be placed on the Agency recall list for the classification from which he/she was laid off. Recall will occur in reverse order of layoff unless special qualifications prevent this. Recall eligibility will continue for two (2) years from date of layoff. A laid off employee may displace a temporary employee if he/she

can fully fulfill the specified requirements of the temporary appointee's assignment.

Section 7. Moving expenses shall be assumed by the employee.

Section 8. Temporary Interruption of Employment. When work is not available due to a temporary situation beyond the Agency's control, employees in the affected work unit may have their employment temporarily interrupted for up to fifteen (15) calendar days without this being considered a formal layoff under this Article. Temporary workload fluctuations will not be considered as justification for invoking this provision.

Should such a temporary interruption of employment occur, employees so affected will be allowed to use any form of accrued paid leave including vacation, compensatory time off, or personal leave or will be placed on leave without pay where the affected employee(s) have insufficient compensatory time to cover the period of interruption. If limited work is available within the affected work unit, it will be offered to employees by seniority, within the affected classifications, during the period of the temporary interruption provided that if current seniority scores are available, those scores shall be utilized and if special skills are needed, this section shall not apply.

When the Employer declares that a temporary interruption of employment should be considered because of lack of funds, either party may provide the other with written notice to meet and discuss possible terms of such interruption or alternative options. Such meeting must occur within thirty (30) days of the declaration. Terms and alternatives shall be subject to mutual agreement by the Union and the Employer. The parties agree that any and all discussions that take place under this Section shall not be subject to the Complete Agreement articles of any of the agreements or constitute interim negotiations under PECBA. In addition, the parties will not be required to use the dispute resolution process contained in the PECBA.

ARTICLE 28 - IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW CLASSES—APPEALS PROCESS

The appeals process is designed to allocate employees into new classes. Employees in positions allocated to a new classification, who dispute their placement within the new class, can appeal their placement using the following process:

Section 1.

- a. An appeal may be filed by an individual employee or a steward or a Council Representative on behalf of the employee, to the Agency personnel office within fifteen (15) calendar days of written notification by the Agency of placement into the new class. Employees sharing the same or substantially similar position descriptions or employees the Agency agrees to treat as a group may file an appeal as a group. The initial filing should describe the individual or group, including the names of affected members, identify the proposed placement, and the placement believed to be correct by the affected employees. The appeal must include current, signed position descriptions. Because the old classifications are to be abolished, correct placement cannot be back to the prior

classification.

The Agency shall conduct a review of the allocation using the following criteria:

1. The purpose of the job shall be determined by the statement of purpose and assigned duties of the position description and other relevant evidence of duties assigned by the Agency;
 2. The concept of the proposed classification shall be determined by the general description and distinguishing features of its class specification; and
 3. The overall duties, authority and responsibilities of the position shall be determined by the position description and other relevant evidence of duties assigned by the Agency. This decision shall be made within thirty (30) calendar days of receipt of the appeal and provided to the affected employees in writing and with a summary of the classification analysis.
- b. If denied, the Union may appeal the Agency's decision in writing to the Labor Relations Unit within fifteen (15) calendar days of receipt of the written denial. The appeals will be considered by the Employer designee (or an alternate) and the Union designee (or an alternate) who shall form the committee charged with the responsibility to consider appeals and make decisions which maintain the integrity of the classification system by correctly applying the classification specifications. Additionally, the committee may utilize two (2) resource persons, one designated by each party, to provide technical expertise concerning a specific series. The committee will attempt to resolve the matter by jointly determining whether the current or proposed class more accurately depicts the overall assigned duties, authorities and responsibilities of the position using the criteria specified above.

In this process each of the designees may identify one (1) alternate class that he/she determines most accurately depicts the purpose of the job and overall assigned duties. If an alternate class is identified, both the Union and Labor Relations Unit shall be notified. If the parties concur that shall end the allocation appeal. In the event the committee concludes that the proposed or alternate class is more appropriate, management retains the right to modify the work assignment on a timely basis to make it consistent with the Agency's allocation. Appeals shall be decided in order of receipt by the Labor Relations Unit.

Decisions shall be rendered by the designees no later than sixty (60) calendar days of receipt of the appeal by the committee.

- c. The decision of the designees shall be binding on the parties. However, agencies may elect to remove/modify duties at any point during the process.
- d. If the appeals committee cannot make a decision, the Union may request final and binding arbitration by a written notice to the Labor Relations Unit within the next forty-five (45)- calendar day period. Each party may go forward with only one (1) class. Each party may choose to take to arbitration either the current class, class appealed to, or an alternate class identified by a committee member. The arbitrator shall allow the decision of the Agency to stand unless he/she concludes that the proposed classification more accurately depicts the overall

- assigned duties, authority, and responsibilities of the position.
- e. Where a position is vacated after the filing of the initial appeal, the Union may continue the appeal process and such appeals will be reviewed by the committee only after the review of all filled positions appeals is completed and where the Agency indicates that no change in duties is anticipated prior to refilling the position.
 - f. This process terminates upon completion of the allocation process.

ARTICLE 29 - PERFORMANCE APPRAISAL

Section 1. The employee's performance will be rated by his/her immediate excluded supervisor. The rater shall discuss the performance appraisal with the employee. The employee shall have the opportunity to provide his/her comments to be attached to the performance appraisal. The employee will sign the performance appraisal and that signature shall only indicate that the employee has read the performance appraisal. A copy shall be provided to the employee at this time.

Section 2. Every employee shall receive a performance appraisal at the end of a trial service period, and at least annually thereafter.

ARTICLE 30 - FILLING OF VACANCIES AND REASSIGNMENT

Section 1. The DOC/HR shall e-mail each dentist notifying them of a vacancy in the bargaining unit. Any dentist wishing to transfer into that vacancy shall have ten (10) working days to respond to the HR requesting the transfer. All other factors being equal, the dentist with the earliest recognized service date will be offered the position. Other factors include, but are not limited to, the employee's personnel record, type of licensure, licensure restrictions, etc.

Section 2. The parties agree to discuss the impact of temporary reassignments from one facility to another in labor/management committee.

ARTICLE 31 - CLINICAL MATTERS

Section 1. Dental Assistants. At least one staff dentist (selected by the Institution Dental Department) shall participate on the interview panel when hiring dental assistants. Dentists shall have input on every performance appraisal of the dental assistant. Dentists shall have access to a lead worker dental assistant to address issues of performance with their dental assistant.

Section 2. Therapeutic Level Care. T.L.C. meetings shall be conducted on at least a bi-monthly schedule by management where dentists will be allowed input with discussion of current case loads and new standards of practice. A portion of these meetings will be opened to dentists only so as to provide an environment for open dialogue.

Section 3. The work environment in each institution's dental clinic shall be held to current Dental Standards, CDC and OSHA Guidelines.

Any allegations of violations shall be presented to the Medical Services Manager of the Institution.

Section 4. Allegations of Practice Deficits. Whenever management receives a complaint that reflects critically upon a dentist's practice, the Supervising Dentist may conduct a review as he/she deems appropriate but in no instance will non-management employees other than the complainant be interviewed without first notifying the dentist that a complaint was made and will be investigated. If management has determined the situation may lead to disciplinary action, management shall conduct an investigatory meeting with the dentist. Within thirty (30) days of the meeting, the dentist shall be notified in writing if no disciplinary action will occur.

ARTICLE 32 - EMPLOYEE RIGHTS

Section 1. Off duty activities of employees will not subject them to disciplinary action by the Agency unless such activities are illegal or a conflict of interest with the employee's duties or the mission of the Agency.

Section 2. Employees who are the subject of a formal Agency complaint or investigation shall be assured the following rights:

- a. The employee shall not be deprived of any of the employee's constitutional or civil rights guaranteed by the federal and State Constitutions and Laws.
- b. Allegations of a non-practice nature. The employee shall be informed of the nature of the complaint or charges prior to the initiation of investigatory interviews with non-management employees and before the employee is required to respond to questions concerning the complaint or charges. Such interview shall normally occur during employee paid time.
- c. If the employee is required to respond to a formal complaint or charge, the employee shall have the right to counsel and/or Union representation prior to and/or during the interview.
- d. The employee shall not be required to take or be subjected to any lie detector device as a condition of continued employment.
- e. Formal complaints or charges made to an employee which are not verified or proven shall not be recorded and placed in the employee's personnel file or used in any subsequent performance evaluation.
- f. Notice requirements pursuant to this Article will not apply where the employee is under investigation for violation of the Controlled Substances Act, or violations which are punishable as felonies or misdemeanors under Oregon Law. Also the employee will not be notified if doing so would jeopardize the criminal investigation.

ARTICLE 33 - INCLEMENT CONDITIONS

Section 1.

- a. The Employer/Agency designated official(s) may close or curtail offices, facilities, or operations because of inclement weather or weather-related hazardous conditions. The Employer/Agency will announce such closure or curtailment to employees. The Employer/ Agency will strive to make its decision to close and/or postpone day shift no later than 5 a.m.; however, the parties recognize that changing conditions may require further adjustment. The Employer/Agency may provide this information through methods such as pre-designated internet web sites, phone trees, radio stations and/or television media. The Agency shall notify employees of these designations and post the notices on Agency bulletin boards by November 1st of each year. Notifications do not apply to employees who are required to report to work. Essential employees/positions shall be designated by the Agency by November 1 of each year. Such designations may be modified with two weeks advance notice to the affected employee(s).
- b. Where the Employer/Agency has announced a delayed opening pursuant to Section 1A, employees are responsible for continuing to monitor the reporting sites for updated information related to the delay or potential closure. Employees may be allowed up to two hours commuting time as reasonably needed to report for work after a delayed opening has been announced. Where an employee arrives late due to this extended commute, he/she may cover the time with accrued vacation, compensatory time off, personal leave or approved leave without pay.

Section 2. When the Employer/Agency notifies employees not to report to work pursuant to Section 1, prior to the beginning of the work shift the following applies:

- a. FLSA Non-Exempt Employees. Non-exempt employees shall not be paid for the period of the closure. However, employees shall be allowed to use accrued vacation, compensatory time off, personal leave or approved leave without pay for the absence(s).

A non-exempt employee arriving at work after the Employer/Agency has announced a closure or curtailment of operations may be directed to leave work and if so directed shall not be paid for the remainder of the shift unless utilizing accrued leave as described above. An employee who actually begins work shall be entitled to pay for all actual hours worked.
- b. FLSA Exempt Employees. The exempt employee shall be paid for the work shift. An FLSA exempt employee may be required to use paid leave or leave without pay where the closure applies to that employee for one or more full workweek(s)

Section 3. When in the judgment of the Employer/Agency, inclement weather or weather-related hazardous conditions require the closing of the work place following the beginning of an employee's work shift, the employee shall be paid for the remainder of his/her work shift.

Section 4. Alternate Work Sites. Employees may be assigned or authorized to report to work at an alternative work site(s) and be paid for the time worked.

Section 5. Late or Unable to Report. Where the Agency remains open and an employee notifies his/her supervisors that he/she is unable to report to work, or will be late, due to inclement weather or weather-related hazardous conditions, the employee shall be allowed to use accrued vacation leave, compensatory time off, personal leave or approved leave without pay.

Section 6. Employees on Pre-scheduled Leave. If an employee is on pre-scheduled leave the day of the closure, the employee will be compensated according to the approved leave.

Section 7. Make-up Time Provisions. Subject to Agency operating requirements and supervisory approval, employees who do not work pursuant to Sections 2 and 5 of this Article may make-up part or all of their work time missed during the same workweek. In no instance will time worked during the make-up period result in overtime being charged to the Agency. The Employer/Agency shall not be liable for any penalty or overtime payments when employees are authorized to make up work.

Section 8. Employees who are unable to report to work due to inclement weather and/or weather-related hazardous conditions may be allowed to work from home with prior approval of their supervisor.

ARTICLE 34 - TERM OF AGREEMENT

Section 1. Unless otherwise noted in the Agreement, this Agreement becomes effective on the date of ratification at the local table and expires June 30, 2017. The Union shall send a letter informing the Department of Administrative Services Labor Relations Unit and the affected Agency of the specific ratification date of the Tentative Agreement.

The date of signing shall occur within ten (10) ten days of notification by the Union that the Agreement has been ratified.

Section 2. The number of Union bargaining team members will be up to two (2) representatives from the Local Chapter and one (1) from AFSCME Council 75. The Union bargaining team members will be compensated up to a total of eighty (80) hours on a loss time basis for time spent in negotiations. Loss time and schedule adjustments do not result in overtime or other premium pay. Hours in excess of eighty (80) must be authorized by mutual agreement.

ARTICLE 35 - DIFFERENTIALS

When an employee is assigned for a limited period to perform the duties of a position at a higher level classification for more than five (5) consecutive days, or forty (40) consecutive straight time hours, the employee shall be compensated for all hours worked beginning from the first day of the assignment for the full period of the assignment at a rate which is not less than the equivalent of a one (1) step increase, or the bottom of the higher range when no salary overlap exists between the ranges.

- a. When formally assigned in writing, an employee assigned to interpret to or from another language to English will receive a differential of five percent (5%) of base pay. Employees officially assigned in writing will be required to pass a standardized test to be eligible for this differential.
- b. The Agency will pay the cost for the employee to take the initial test. If the employee does not pass the test and the employee wishes to retake the test, the employee will pay the cost of additional tests.

ARTICLE 36 - JOB SHARING

Section 1. “Job sharing position” means a full-time position in the classified service that may be held by more than one (1) individual on a shared time basis whereby the individuals holding the position work less than full-time. Employees who are in a job share position shall be part of the bargaining unit and the Union shall be notified of such status.

Section 2. Job sharing is a voluntary program. Any employee who wishes to participate in job sharing may submit a written request to the Supervising Dentist to be considered for job share positions. The Supervising Dentist shall determine if job sharing is appropriate for a specific position and will recruit and select employees for job share positions. Where the Supervising Dentist determines job sharing is appropriate, management agrees to provide written notification to all job share applicants of available job share positions in their bargaining unit

Section 3. Job share employees shall accrue vacation leave, sick leave and holiday pay based on a prorate of hours worked in a month during which the employee has worked thirty-two (32) hours or more. Individual salary review dates will be established for job share employees.

Section 4. Job share employees shall be entitled to share the full Agency paid insurance benefits for one (1) full-time position based on a prorate of regular hours scheduled per week or per month whatever is appropriate. In any event, the Agency contribution for insurance benefits in a job share position is limited to the amount authorized for one (1) full-time employee. Each job share employee shall have the right to pay the difference between the Agency paid insurance benefits and the full premium amount through payroll deduction.

Section 5. For purpose of layoff, employees filling a job share position shall be considered as a part-time employees at the time the position has been affected by a layoff.

Section 6. If a vacancy exists and if the Supervising Dentist determines that a job sharing is not appropriate for the position or if the Supervising Dentist is unable to recruit qualified employees for the job share position, the remaining employee shall have the right to assume the position on a full-time basis. Upon approval of the Supervising Dentist, the remaining employee may elect to transfer to a vacant part-time position in the same classification which management intends to fill. If the above conditions are not available or acceptable, the employee agrees to resign.

ARTICLE 37 - LIMITED DURATION APPOINTMENT

Section 1. Persons may be hired for workload reasons or for special studies or projects of uncertain or limited duration which are subject to the continuation of a grant, contract, award, or legislative funding for a specific project. Such appointments shall normally be for a stated period not exceeding two (2) years, except extended by legislative or Emergency Board action or continued inability to fill a permanent position on a full-time basis. Such appointment shall expire upon termination of the special study or project or when the need to cover the workload is met by appointment of a full-time employee.

Section 2.

- a. No newly hired person on a limited duration appointment shall be entitled to rights under the layoff procedure and shall be so notified.
- b. A person appointed from AFSCME regular status within the bargaining unit to a limited duration appointment shall be entitled to rights under the layoff procedure within their Agency.

ARTICLE 38 - WORK SCHEDULE

Section 1. The parties recognize that office hours for dental clinics at DOC facilities are eight hours per day, Monday through Friday, roughly 0700 to 1530. This requires that, during the time, dentists be available to perform chairside dental procedures, which shall be completed within reasonable time frames as established by the Medical Services Manager and the Dental Director.

Section 2. Dentists may request approval to work a schedule that is different from the normal office hours of the DOC, such as a schedule regularly working four, ten hour days. Management shall have the discretion to approve such requests after considering the following factors:

- (1) The personal needs of the dentist making the request: and
- (2) The operational needs of the Department. For purposes of this Letter, operational needs include the practice needs of the Department as determined by the Medical Services Manager and the Dental Director, and the following factors shall be taken into consideration:
 - (a) Patient dental needs at all institutions.
 - (b) Chairside time with the dental assistant shall not be diminished because of the alternate work schedule.
 - (c) Availability of other support staff.

- (d) Normal functioning hours of institution Health Services.
- (e) Equipment availability, with the understanding that productivity per hour expectations for dental team shall be the same, regardless of work schedules.

Section 3. Such approval shall not be unreasonably withheld.

Section 4. Alternative schedules may be terminated after considering the above factors whenever, in the judgment of the Medical Services Manager and the Dental Director, the needs of the Department so require.

Section 5. If a dentist is assigned by the Dental Director to work on a special project at a work location other than his/her home institution(s), the Dental Director shall be responsible for the hours of work.

LETTER OF AGREEMENT - ARTICLE 9, CONTRACTING OUT FEASIBILITY STUDY

This Letter of Agreement is entered into between the State of Oregon Department of Administrative Services, on behalf of all State Agencies covered by the State of Oregon and AFSCME Central Table.

When the provisions of Article 9, Section 5, require a feasibility study, the following will apply:

The Employer will count eighty percent (80%) of the affected employee's straight-time wage rate when comparing the two (2) plans.

This Agreement is effective through June 30, 2017.

LETTER OF AGREEMENT – ARTICLE 12- PART-TIME MEDICAL PREMIUM SUBSIDY

This Agreement is entered into between the State of Oregon, acting through its Department of Administrative Services, Labor Relations Unit (Employer), and Employees Council 75 AFSCME (Union).

This Agreement shall apply to all agencies and bargaining units under the jurisdiction of the AFSCME Central Table.

The purpose of this Letter of Agreement is to clarify the Agreement reached during 2015-2017 negotiations regarding the Employer's obligation for medical premium payments for employees working less than full time.

For Plan Years 2016 and 2017, the Employer will pay ninety-five percent (95%) and the employee will pay five percent (5%) of the monthly premium rate as determined by PEBB. For employees who enroll in a medical plan that is at least ten percent (10%) lower in cost than the monthly premium rate for the highest cost medical plan available to the majority of employees, the Employer shall pay ninety-nine percent (99%) of the monthly premium for PEBB health, vision, dental and basic life insurance benefits and the employee shall pay the remaining one percent (1%).

For less than full time employees who have at least eighty (80) paid regular hours in the month, the Employer will pay a monthly benefit insurance premium amount of the plan selected by the employee as calculated under the local Agreement insurance article as follows:

- a) Part-time premium rate x Employer contribution percentage x the ratio of paid regular hours to full-time hours to the nearest full percent = Employer contribution.

In addition, there shall be a subsidy based on the employee's enrollment tier, for plan years 2016 and 2017 consisting of one of the following monthly amounts:

Employee Only,	\$346.25
Employee & Partner,	\$452.34
Employee & Children,	\$395.94
Employee & Family,	\$460.52

- b) Part-time, Seasonal and Intermittent Employees Electing Full Time Insurance

Full time premium rate x the Employer contribution percentage x the ratio of paid regular hours to full time hours to the nearest full percent = Employer contribution.

The employee will pay the premium balance.

LETTER OF AGREEMENT ARTICLE 12, PEBB MEMBER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

This Agreement is between the State of Oregon, acting through its Department of Administrative Services (Employer) and AFSCME Council 75 (Union).

The Employer and Union share a commitment to PEBB achieving its vision of better health, better care and affordable costs. Both Parties recognize that the structure of PEBB is authorized in Oregon Revised Statutes, and is also designed to provide the input and perspective of members in PEBB decisions. In addition, the Employer and Union representatives share governance and decision making within the authorized structure of PEBB. The Employer and the Union share an interest in further informing the PEBB decision making process through an additional layer of direct member engagement in health and wellness.

Therefore, the Parties agree to the following:

1. PEBB is directed to create and staff a PEBB Member Advisory Committee (PMAC).
2. The PMAC will be comprised of PEBB members, including both management and labor, with up to four (4) members appointed by AFSCME. Appointment to the PMAC will be for a two (2) year period. Management will select the one management co-chair and Labor will select their co-chair.
3. The PMAC will meet at least once per calendar quarter.
4. The PMAC will provide advice on:
 - a. Member engagement
 - b. Health and Welfare strategies including the Health Engagement Model and wellness programs.
 - c. Educating and engaging members as active leaders in their health.
5. PEBB is required to present updates to the PMAC about the progress towards its vision of better health, better care and affordable costs.
6. Participants on the committee will be on paid status and shall be reimbursed as per state travel policy. Agencies will not incur any overtime liability as a result of committee meetings or travel.

This Agreement will sunset on June 30, 2017.

LETTER OF AGREEMENT – ARTICLE 12, PMAC INSURANCE EDUCATION

This Agreement is entered into by the State of Oregon, acting through its Department of Administrative Services (Employer) and AFSCME Council 75 (Union).

The Employer and Union recognize the importance of making an informed decision regarding an employee selecting health insurance coverage. The Parties mutually agree to work toward increasing the amount of health insurance plan information available to state employees so they may select the most affordable plan that meets their needs.

The purpose of this Agreement is to empower the PEBB Member Advisory Committee (PMAC) to identify ways to increase knowledge of the health insurance plans available to State employees.

The Parties agree to the following:

1. The Parties will convene the PMAC by August 1, 2015 to work on the following:
 - a. PMAC will identify what resources State employees need most in order to select their health insurance plan and how to best distribute these resources.
 - b. PMAC will recommend subjects for a new educational video on health insurance plans that will be available to State employees.
 - c. PMAC shall submit all of its recommendations to CHRO (Chief Human Resources Office) and the Union by September 1, 2015.
 - d. CHRO or its designee shall produce and distribute a new educational video on the health insurance plans available to State employees by October 1, 2015.
 - e. Employees will be authorized to view the PEBB health insurance video during Agency time where it is feasible.
2. In addition, by October 1, 2015 Agency and Local Union leadership will determine the mechanics of how best to deliver the information to all employees for their individual agencies.,
3. This Agreement becomes effective August 1, 2015 and automatically terminates June 30, 2017.

LETTER OF AGREEMENT – ARTICLE 12 – KAISER INSURANCE DEDUCTIBLE PLAN

This Agreement is between the State of Oregon, acting through its Department of Administrative Services (Employer), and AFSCME Council 75 (Union).

The Parties agree that employees who enroll in the Kaiser Deductible plan will be eligible to receive the Employer's ninety-nine percent (99%) monthly contribution.

This Agreement starts and ends for Plan Year 2016 without any extensions or renewal for Plan Year 2017.

LETTER OF AGREEMENT - PILOT PROGRAM – VOLUNTARY MEDICAL SEPARATION

Section 1.

A regular status employee with a serious health condition who has exhausted all of his/her own accrued paid leave balances may submit a written request to the Agency for a 'voluntary medical separation'. A voluntary medical separation is a voluntary resignation for medical reasons. The employee shall attach a doctor's certification to the request attesting to the employee's serious health condition.

Section 2.

If, based on the doctor's certification, the employee has a serious health condition, the Agency will approve the employee's written request for voluntary medical separation so long as the employee is not under investigation for any performance and/or misconduct.

Section 3.

An employee who receives a voluntary medical separation will be notified that he/she will be placed on the Agency's Layoff List and may be eligible for recall provided all of the following conditions are met:

- a. The employee will be placed on the Agency's Layoff List in order of seniority but not eligible for recall until the employee becomes fit for duty. To be fit for recall the employee must submit a doctor's certification that he/she is fit to return to work full-time without restrictions.
- b. The position the employee may be recalled back to is in the same classification he/she occupied before their voluntary resignation;
- c. The employee must meet the minimum qualifications and special qualifications for the recalled position;
- d. The employee will be eligible for recall only in their former bargaining unit and former work location (city/county);
- e. The employee will be eligible for recall to a position when there is a vacant position the Agency intends to fill;
- f. The employee's name shall remain on the Agency Layoff List for two (2) years from the date of voluntary resignation, and,
- g. If the employee rejects a recall offer for their former work location, the employee's name will be removed from the list.

Section 4.

This Agreement starts on the effective date of the Local Agency Agreement and automatically expires June 30, 2017 unless the Parties specifically agree to extend its provisions.

LETTER OF AGREEMENT - INFORMATION SYSTEM SPECIALIST 1 – 8 STAFF

This Agreement is between the State of Oregon, acting through its Department of Administrative Services (Employer) and AFSCME Council 75 (Union).

This Agreement covers all agencies covered under the jurisdiction of the AFSCME Central Table with Information System Specialist 1-8 Staff.

The Parties agree to the following:

1. The Employer agrees to conduct a classification allocation review of the Information System Specialist series (ISS1-8) at DEQ to be completed by March 30, 2016.
2. The Employer agrees to conduct a total compensation study of the Information System Specialist (ISS1-8) series to be completed by November 1, 2016.
 - a) The Union shall provide two (2) employees to participate in the study.
 - b) The Employer and Union participants shall review survey methodology and job content to be used for the survey.
 - c) Union participants will have the opportunity to review and offer comments regarding employers to survey.
 - d) Bargaining will be opened in concert with the start of the AFSCME Central 2017-2019 bargaining cycle.

LETTER OF AGREEMENT - COMMUTING ALTERNATIVES

This Agreement is between the State of Oregon, acting through its Department of Administrative Services (Employer) on behalf of all the Agencies under the jurisdiction of the AFSCME Central Table (Agency) and AFSCME Council 75 (Union).

The purpose of this Agreement is to establish a work group to identify and evaluate different programs that encourage employees to use alternate methods of commuting to work.

The Parties agree to the following:

1. The group will:
 - a. Review and evaluate current and past State programs encouraging employees to use alternate commuting methods;
 - b. Review and evaluate other public employer programs that incent their employees to use alternate commuting methods;
 - c. Identify advantages and disadvantages of different programs that incent employees to use alternative commuting methods.
2. The Employer and Union shall appoint up to four (4) representatives to serve as members. Both Parties shall attempt to ensure geographic representation. Union appointed employees shall serve on Agency time if the meeting time is during their regularly scheduled work hours. Committee members shall video conference meetings whenever possible.
3. Union appointed employees shall not be eligible for overtime, lodging, meals or mileage for serving on the group. The Agency shall not be liable for any penalty or premium payments for adjusting an employee's work schedule so the employee can attend the meeting.
4. Appointed employees shall notify their immediate supervisor at least five (5) work days before any meeting regarding their absence from work to attend the meeting.
5. The Group shall prepare a written report outlining its findings to AFSCME Council 75 and the Department of Administrative Services Labor Relations Unit no later than January 31, 2016.

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Signed this 27th day of AUGUST, 2015 at Salem, Oregon.



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