COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT

between

DAS
DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

on behalf of
Registered Nurses at the Oregon State Hospital

and

AFSCME
LOCAL 3295 / COUNCIL 75,
AMERICAN FEDERATION OF STATE, COUNTY,
AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES (AFL-CIO)

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PREAMBLE

This Agreement is made by and between the State of Oregon Department of Administrative Services (hereinafter the "Employer") on behalf of Oregon State Hospital (hereinafter the "Agency"), and the Oregon American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) (hereinafter the "Union").

ARTICLE 1 - RECOGNITION

The Employer recognizes the Union as the exclusive bargaining agent and representative for all employees at the Oregon State Hospital working in classifications for which a RN license is required, except employees who are excluded by the Employment Relations Board, managerial, supervisory and confidential employees, and temporary employees.

ARTICLE 2 - SCOPE OF AGREEMENT

Section 1. This Agreement binds the Union and any person designated by it to act on behalf of the Union. Likewise, this Agreement binds the State and its employees and any other person designated by it to act on its behalf.

The terms of this Agreement shall apply to all members of certified or recognized bargaining units, represented by the Union, both existing and as determined in the future.

Section 2. The Agreement supersedes all prior Agreements between the Union and the State.

ARTICLE 3 - EFFECT OF LAW AND RULES

Section 1. This Agreement is subject to all applicable existing and future laws of the State of Oregon.

Section 2. No new Chief Human Resource Office Rule, or change in any existing Chief Human Resource Office Rule that addresses subjects that are mandatory issues for bargaining shall be applicable to employees covered by this Agreement unless the change has been agreed upon by the parties.

Section 3. Bargaining unit employees shall be provided all of the rights and benefits that have been extended to them by the rules of the Department of Administrative Services, Chief Human Resource Office in all matters which are not addressed in this Agreement.

ARTICLE 4 - 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 5 - EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY AND AFFIRMATIVE ACTION

Section 1. The provisions of this Agreement shall apply equally to all employees in the bargaining unit without regard to age, race, religion, sex, color, mental or physical disability, marital status, sexual orientation, national origin, political affiliation, or any other protected class under State or Federal law. The Union further agrees that it will cooperate with the Agency's implementation or applicable federal and State laws and regulations, including but not limited to Presidential Executive Order 11246 as amended by Presidential Executive Order 11375, pertaining to affirmative action.

Section 2. All complaints alleging any form of discrimination, including sexual harassment, listed above shall be submitted directly to the Agency. A meeting with the employee, if requested by the employee or the Union, will be held within fifteen (15) calendar days of the receipt of the request. Prior to the conclusion of the meeting, a reasonable effort will be made to resolve the employee's complaint. If, however, a satisfactory solution cannot be reached, the Agency or the designated representative will communicate in writing, within seven (7) calendar days, the position of the Agency to the complainant and the Union. If no hearing is conducted, the Agency shall advise the employee and the Union in writing within fifteen (15) calendar days of receiving the complaint of the Agency's position. If the complaint is not satisfactorily resolved at this step, it may be submitted to the Bureau of Labor and Industries for resolution if further pursued.

Section 3. Sexual harassment is considered a form of sex discrimination. No employee shall be subjected to sexual harassment by the Employer, the Union or other bargaining unit members. Unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors and other deliberate or repeated unsolicited verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature constitutes sexual harassment when:
   A) Submission to such conduct is made either explicitly or implicitly a term or condition of an individual's employment;
   B) Submission to or rejection of such conduct by an individual is used as the basis for employment decisions affecting such individual; or
   C) Such conduct has the purpose or effect of unreasonably interfering with an individual's work performance or creating an intimidating, hostile or offensive working environment.

ARTICLE 6 - STRIKES AND LOCKOUTS

It is agreed by the Employer and the Union that the services performed by employees covered by this Agreement are services essential to the public health, safety and welfare.

The Employer, therefore, agrees that during the term of this Agreement, the Employer shall not cause nor permit any lockout of employees from their work. In the event an employee is unable to perform his assigned duties because equipment or facilities are not available due to a strike, work stoppage or slowdown by any other employees, such inability to provide work shall not be deemed a lockout.

The Union, therefore, agrees that neither it nor its officers or employees covered by this Agreement will encourage, sanction, cause, support or engage in any strike as defined by ORS 243.652 (19), provided, however, that if at the expiration of this Agreement, the Employer and the Union have not reached agreement on a renewal, extension or new agreement, the Union and its officers and employees covered by the Agreement may engage in any type of strike activity which is not unlawful.

Upon notification, confirmed in writing by the Employer to the Union that certain bargaining unit(s) 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) 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 solely at the request of the Employer.
Employees covered by this Agreement who engage in strike activity prohibited by this Article will be subject to disciplinary action for misconduct.

ARTICLE 7 - SAVINGS CLAUSE

Should any article, section or portion of this 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:

A) Direct employees.
B) Hire, promote, transfer, assign and retain employees.
C) Suspend, discharge or take other proper disciplinary action against employees.
D) Reassign employees.
E) Relieve employees from duty because of lack of work or other proper reasons.
F) Schedule work.
G) Determine methods, means and personnel by which operations are to be conducted.

ARTICLE 9 - UNION SECURITY

Section 1. Membership/Fair Share/Contributions to Charitable Organizations. Bargaining unit members who are members of the Union shall either remain members in good standing or make payment in-lieu-of dues to the Union. Bargaining unit members who are not members of the Union shall either become members of the Union or make payment in-lieu-of dues to the Union. Payments in-lieu-of dues shall be equal to the regular monthly Union dues. A bargaining unit member who exercises his/her right of non-association only when based on a bona fide religious tenet or teaching of a church or religious body of which such employee is a member shall pay an amount of money equivalent to regular monthly Union dues to a non-religious charity or to another charitable organization mutually agreed upon by the employee and the Union. The employee shall furnish written proof to the Union and to the Agency that this has been done.

Section 2. Deduction for Dues. Upon written request, on the Union form to be available at the Agency, members of the Union may have regular monthly dues deducted from their paychecks. Employees making fair share payments in-lieu-of dues shall have their fair share payments deducted monthly. Bargaining unit members employed subsequent to the execution of this Agreement shall have the appropriate deduction made the first of the month following the first full month of employment.

The amounts to be deducted shall be certified to the Employer by the Treasurer of the Union, and the aggregate deduction shall be remitted monthly, together with an itemized statement, to the Union.

Section 3. Notification of Fair share Employees. Upon appointing an individual to a position in a bargaining unit which is covered by a Fair Share Agreement provision, the Agency shall advise the individual of the existence of the Fair Share Agreement and an employee's obligation under it.

Section 4. Indemnification. The Union shall indemnify and save the Employer/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 Employer/Agency for the purpose of complying with the provisions of this Article.

Section 5. Names of Retirees. Effective September 1, 2009, 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 6. 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.

ARTICLE 10 - UNION PRIVILEGES AND LIMITATIONS

Section 1. Lists. The Agency shall furnish to the Union, on a monthly basis, a current alphabetical listing of the names, home addresses when easily obtainable on a computer, and classifications of the employees in the bargaining unit. New hires and terminations shall be indicated on the listing.

Section 2. Bulletin Boards. The Agency shall provide a reasonable space on bulletin boards placed in mutually agreeable locations. The notices shall be restricted to the following types:

A) Notices of professional and social affairs;
B) Notices of elections, appointments, and results of elections;
C) Notices of meetings; and
D) Notices of negotiation progress.

Copies of any other materials for posting must be approved by the Human Resources (HR) Manager or his representative prior to its posting. No demeaning or derogatory material may be posted.

Union Officers and Union Stewards may post Union meeting notices through the Agency’s or other electronic media. Such usage shall not include interactive communications and notices shall be limited to the time and place of such meetings along with a brief agenda.

Section 3. Visits by Union Representatives. The Union will provide the Agency with a list of those AFSCME staff members designated as authorized representatives. The representative, after advising the Personnel Office or the appropriate Nursing Service Office, shall have reasonable access to the premises of the Agency at any time during working hours to conduct Union business and to assist in the processing of grievances under the terms of this Agreement. Such visits are not to interfere with the normal flow of work.

Section 4. Notices to New Employees. The Employer will notify each newly employed member of the bargaining unit of representation by the Union. Time shall be provided at each new employee orientation so that the Union may distribute to each nurse a copy of this Agreement and copies of the Union membership material. The Union will be allowed a reasonable time during initial employee orientation for explanation of AFSCME benefits and bargaining representative matters.

Section 5. Nurse Representatives.
A) The Union may appoint one (1) steward for every thirty (30) RN’s with a guarantee of one (1) steward for each of Salem and Junction City locations. The Union shall notify the Agency HR Manager of the names of the Nurse Representatives.

B) One Nurse Representative shall be granted a reasonable amount of time to assist in the investigation and settlement of any one grievance at any one time.
C) The Nurse Representative shall notify his/her supervisor prior to performing permitted Nurse Representative duties. If the permitted activity would interfere with the work of the Nurse Representative or other employees, the responsible supervisor(s) shall arrange in a timely fashion for a mutually satisfactory time to perform the requested activity.

D) The Employer agrees that there shall be no reprisal, coercion, intimidation, or discrimination against a Nurse Representative for any authorized activity.

Section 6. 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 Human Resource 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 employee from a bargaining unit and a total of four 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 7. 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.

1) 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.

2) 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.

3) 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.
4) The release time shall be coded as Union business leave or other identified payroll code as determined by the State.

5) The release time shall not be included in the calculation of overtime nor considered as work related for purposes of workers’ compensation.

6) The employee will continue to accrue leaves and appropriate benefits under the applicable collective bargaining agreement except as limited herein.

7) 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.

8) 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 8. Labor Management Committee.

A) Purpose. To facilitate communication between the Parties, a joint Labor-Management Committee will be established. The Labor Management Committee does not have the authority to negotiate or to enter into binding agreements that would contravene any provision of the Collective Bargaining Agreement. The Labor Management Committee will meet, confer, discuss matters effecting the Union membership, and share information of mutual interest pertaining to the Oregon State Hospital.

B) Composition. The Labor Management Committee shall be composed of three (3) employee members appointed by the Union and three (3) members of management, unless mutually agreed otherwise.

C) Meeting Schedule. The Labor Management Committee will meet at least quarterly and may upon mutual agreement meet more often as needed.

D) Participation. Members of the Labor Management Committee shall be paid at their regular, straight time rate of pay for attendance at the meetings. Anyone attending the meetings during hours they are not scheduled to work shall flex their schedule when possible, to accommodate their attendance at the meeting on straight time.

ARTICLE 11 - NEGOTIATING TEAM

Upon notification of bargaining the successor agreement, prior to commencing to bargain, the Union agrees to provide the employer in writing the names of the members designated as representatives for negotiations. Total number of team members shall be five (5) with at least one (1) member from each campus. The Union will attempt to ensure adequate cross-program representation. When appropriate, the designated representatives will be in paid status during negotiations with the Agency assuming no overtime obligations as a result of their attendance at such meetings. At the discretion of the Union, a reasonable number of unpaid employees may attend negotiation sessions as observers. Consultants may be employed by either party.

ARTICLE 12 - WORK SCHEDULES

Section 1. Scheduling of Work. Employee's work schedules shall be posted in all work areas at least fourteen (14) days in advance of their effective date except where a bona fide emergency precludes such advance notice, or where a schedule change is mutually agreed to by the affected employee(s).

Section 2. Work Period. The standard work schedule for a full-time employee is made up of shifts totaling forty (40) hours in established time of seven (7) consecutive twenty-four (24)-hour periods. Variations of work schedules totaling eighty (80) hours in an established time of fourteen (14) consecutive twenty-four (24)-hour periods may also be adopted.

Section 3. Workday. Eight (8), nine (9), ten (10) twelve (12), thirteen (13) hour twenty (20) minutes, or sixteen (16) consecutive hours of work, except for interruptions of meal periods, shall
constitute a workday. Any additional irregular workdays will be adopted only upon agreement, in writing, of affected employees.

**Section 4. Shift Trade.** Qualified employees in the same work area and the same classification may mutually agree to trade a shift within the established schedule as long as the staffing ratio is preserved and no overtime is created. Such trade must be mutually agreed upon in writing and notice given to the supervisor prior to the effective date of the trade.

Regular status qualified employees in the same classification may mutually agree to trade positions on a temporary basis for a period of up to ninety (90) days per fiscal year. Management consideration will be given to requests for extension of up to two (2) ninety (90) day periods for extenuating circumstances. The request to trade positions must be in writing, create no overtime and maintain established staffing ratios. Employees in discipline status within six (6) months of requested trade are not eligible to trade.

**Section 5. Meal Periods.** Generally employees shall be granted a non-duty meal period of one-half (1/2) hour during each workday. However, employees required to be on duty during a meal period will be compensated. If an employee’s work period is longer than fourteen (14) hours, then two (2) meal periods shall be granted.

Subject to management approval, employees may combine their unpaid meal break with one (1) fifteen (15) minute break. This combination of breaks will not happen within the first (1st) or last hour of an employee’s shift.

**Section 6. Rest Periods.** Employees shall be provided a fifteen (15) minute rest period for each four (4) hours worked. Those employees working thirteen (13) hour twenty (20) minute shifts shall have three (3) fifteen (15) minute rest period, and when workload allows, two of these rest periods may be combined into a thirty (30) minute rest period. Whenever possible, employees will be allowed to take their rest period away from the immediate work area. If the employee is unable to take a rest period in the work area due to operational requirements, the employee will advise the supervisor as soon as possible and, if possible, a rest period will be scheduled as soon as practicable.

**Section 7. Flextime.** Employees may flex their schedule in lieu of overtime if mutually agreed to by the employee and the supervisor.

**Section 8. Job Share.** Job sharing is voluntary. A “job sharing position” means a full-time position that may be held by more than one (1) individual on a shared time basis whereby each employee sharing the position works less than full-time.

An employee who wishes to job share may submit a written request to the Appointing Authority or their designee. The Appointing Authority or their designee will determine if job sharing is appropriate for the position and notify the employee of such determination in writing.

Employees who job share shall accrue vacation leave, sick leave, and holiday pay on a prorata basis. Individual salary eligibility dates will be established for each employee. Employer-paid insurance benefits are limited to one (1) full-time position, and must be shared. Each employee may pay the difference between the Employer-paid insurance benefits and the full premium amount through payroll deduction.

If one (1) job sharing employee vacates the position, the position will revert to a full-time position. The remaining employee shall either assume the position on a full-time basis or resign, or otherwise vacate the position. Management will make reasonable efforts to accommodate the remaining employee during the transition.

**Section 9.** Registered Nurses shall not be mandated to cover positions outside of their bargaining unit.

**Section 10.** 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 work week.
ARTICLE 13 - OVERTIME

Section 1. All time for which an employee is compensated at the regular straight time rate of pay except standby time or on call time but including holiday time off, compensatory time off, and other paid leave shall be counted as time worked.

Section 2. Overtime for employees working a regular workweek is time worked in excess of eight (8) hours per day, or forty (40) hours per week within the employees' basic workweek of seven (7) consecutive twenty-four (24)-hour periods. Overtime for employees working an irregular work schedule is time worked in excess of the scheduled hours per day approved by the Agency HR Manager or forty (40) hours within the employee's basic workweek or eighty (80) hours in an established time of fourteen (14) consecutive twenty-four (24)-hour periods. Time worked beyond regular schedules by employees scheduled for less than eight (8) hours per day or forty (40) hours per week is additional straight time worked rather than overtime until work exceeds eight (8) hours per day or forty (40) hours per week within the employees' basic workweek.

Except for shift changes and irregular work schedules, employees eligible for overtime compensation who are required to work consecutive hours in excess of eight (8) consecutive hours within a twenty-four (24) hour period shall be compensated at the appropriate rate for hours worked in excess of eight (8) hours per day. If an employee's regularly scheduled shift is ten (10), twelve (12), thirteen twenty (13 hr. 20 min) or sixteen (16) hours, then overtime shall be paid for all hours in excess of ten (10), twelve (12) thirteen twenty (13 hr 20 min) or sixteen (16) consecutive hours.

Section 3. All eligible employees shall be compensated at the rate of time and one-half (1-1/2) their regular hourly straight time rate of pay for overtime. No application of this Article shall be construed or interpreted to provide for compensation for overtime at a rate exceeding time and one-half (1-1/2), or to effect a "pyramiding" of overtime, i.e. time and one-half (1-1/2) of time and one-half (1-1/2).

Section 4. All classifications within the bargaining unit which are currently eligible for overtime shall continue to be eligible for overtime compensation.

Section 5. Mandatory Overtime. The Agency may not require an employee to work overtime until the Agency makes reasonable effort to utilize other registered nurses or other qualified employees to work those unfilled hours or shifts. The Agency shall solicit volunteers to work additional hours in the following order, before requiring an employee to work mandatory overtime:

A) Temporaries or on call
B) On duty volunteers
C) Off duty Volunteers
D) From a current rotation list: Assigned to the least senior nurse on the list who is on duty who has not worked mandatory overtime during the current rotation. When a nurse volunteers for and works at least two (2) hours of overtime, she/he will be placed at the bottom of the current rotation list. Management has the right not to accept volunteers for partial shifts; however, nurses may agree to voluntarily split an entire shift.

Should the Agency be unable to find other registered nurses or other qualified employees to work the unfilled hours or shifts, the Agency cannot require the employee to work more than two (2) hours beyond the employee's regularly scheduled shift pursuant to applicable law. Employees who are required to work mandatory overtime will not be required to work for a minimum of eight (8) hours if the employee worked at least sixteen (16) hours in the preceding twenty-four (24) hours. If an employee’s work schedule requires less than eight (8) hours between shifts the Agency will ensure a full eight (8) hour break between shifts, by either:

(1) Modify the ending time of the overtime shift; or
(2) Modify the start time of the regular shift and ensure the employee is compensated for a full shift.
This Section does not apply in the event of a national or State emergency or circumstances requiring the implementation of a facility disaster plan or in an emergency circumstances identified by the Department of Human Services by rule.

Nurses shall not be mandated, except in an emergency involving public health and safety, to work overtime on a day immediately preceding an approved vacation. Only the Superintendent or his/her designee can determine if an emergency involving public health and safety exists. If an employee is bypassed, he/she shall remain on the top of the list for the next mandatory overtime.

See LOA: Overtime

**ARTICLE 14 - REPORTING TIME**

An employee who is scheduled for work and reports to work and there is no work will be paid for a minimum of five (5) hours or five-eighths (5/8) of his/her scheduled shift, whichever is lesser. However, unless an employee is notified during the first two (2) hours of his/her work period that his/her shift is being curtailed, he/she will be paid for the remainder of his/her scheduled shift. This obligation to pay will not apply when interruptions of work are caused by an Act of God. Nothing herein contained is intended to deny the Agency the right to require the employee to work during the period for which he/she is being paid.

**ARTICLE 15 - WEEKEND SCHEDULING**

**Section 1.** It is the policy of the Agency to schedule those nurses who so desire every other weekend off, with the exception of those nurses who have agreed in writing to work schedules calling for consecutive weekend work and those who express a desire in writing to work consecutive two (2)-day weekends when work is available. Nurses who have agreed to work consecutive weekends may request withdrawal of such authorization upon thirty (30) days written notice.

Part-time nurses who are hired in positions requiring consecutive weekend work and full-time nurses who are hired in two-sixteen (2-16) plus an eight (8) positions requiring consecutive weekend work are exempted from this provision.

**Section 2.** Where it is necessary, nurses will agree to be on work schedules of standard schedules made up of shifts totaling forty (40) hours in an established seven (7) consecutive day, twenty-four (24)-hour period or variation of work schedules totaling eighty (80) hours in an established fourteen (14) consecutive day, twenty-four (24)-hour period.

**Section 3.** For the purpose of this Article weekend is defined as follows:

- Day shift weekend is any combination of Friday, Saturday, Sunday or Monday shifts;
- Swing shift weekend is any combination of Friday, Saturday, Sunday or Monday shifts;
- Night shift weekend is any combination of Thursday, Friday, Saturday, or Sunday shifts.

**ARTICLE 16 - SALARY**

**Section 1. 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 2. Salary Schedules.

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ARTICLE 17 - WORKERS' COMPENSATION APPLICATIONS

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. To the extent of accrued sick leave prorated charges will be made against such leave. An employee who has exhausted earned sick leave may elect to use accrued vacation and compensatory leave during a period in which Workers' Compensation is being received.

ARTICLE 18 - PERS "PICK-UP"

Section 1. 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 with respect to the PERS Litigation.

Section 2. 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
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.

Section 3. 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).

ARTICLE 19 - PER DIEM DIFFERENTIAL

Section 1. There shall be a per diem differential of fifteen percent (15%) of the base hourly rate for all hours worked. This differential is in lieu of insurance benefits, if any, and paid time off. Paid time off as used in this Article shall not include compensatory time off. This differential shall not be included in the base for calculation of overtime pay.

Section 2. Employees may be employed in part-time “per diem positions” by mutual agreement between the employer and the employee. These employees will receive a fifteen percent (15%) differential of the base hourly rate for all hours worked in lieu of insurance benefits, if any, and paid time off.” Employees who work fewer than thirty-two (32) hours per month shall be paid the per diem differential.

ARTICLE 20 - DIFFERENTIALS

Section 1. Shift Differential.

A) Employees shall be eligible for the evening shift differential when at least one-half (1/2) of the scheduled hours of their work shift fall between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 12:00 midnight.

B) Employees shall be eligible for the night shift differential when at least one-half (1/2) of the scheduled hours of their work shift fall between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 6:00 a.m.

C) Employees shall be eligible for the weekend differential for all shifts worked beginning with night shift Friday through swing shift Sunday.

D) The shift differential shall apply to all hours worked during that shift.

E) Shift differential shall be applied to base rates in computation of payment for overtime but not for periods of leaves of absence with pay, such as vacation or sick leave.

F) For the purpose of thirteen (13) hour twenty (20) minute shifts the following definitions shall apply:

   i. Evening shift shall be for all hours worked from 3:00 pm through 11:00 PM.
ii. Night shift shall be for all hours worked from 11:00 pm through 7:00 am.
iii. Weekend shift shall start on 11:00 pm on Friday and end at 11:00 pm on Sunday.
iv. Employees that work a thirteen (13) hour twenty (20) minute shift, shall be eligible to receive the differential pay identified above for all hours worked during evening, night, and/or weekend shifts, as identified above.

G) The differentials shall be as follows:

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Section 2. Bilingual Differential. When formally assigned in the employee’s position description, an employee assigned to interpret to or from another language to English will receive a differential of five percent (5%) of base salary.

Section 3. Program Lead Differential. All employees who are assigned the work of Program Lead shall be compensated five percent (5%) above their current rate. Such compensation shall be for all actual hours worked as the Program Lead.

Section 4. Unit Lead Differential. Nursing management will determine which nurses are qualified to serve as unit leads. Nursing management will assign a qualified nurse to serve as a unit lead on each shift. In the absence of a qualified lead, the Program Shift Supervisor will assign unit lead duties to a nurse and maintain contact with the nurse to ensure unit lead responsibilities are fulfilled. The assigned RN shall be compensated five percent (5%) above his/her current base rate. Such compensation shall be actual hours worked as unit lead.

Section 5. Any nurse who possesses a Baccalaureate degree shall receive an additional four and seventy-five one-hundredths percent (4.75%) of his/her salary rate and any nurse who possesses a Master's degree with relevant course work shall receive an additional nine and five-tenths percent (9.5%) of his/her salary rate. The differentials are based on a full-time employee and will be prorated for part-time employees on the basis of hours paid.

Section 6. ANCC Certification.
A) The employer values ANCC certification consistent with the educational level of the employee. All members of the bargaining unit are encouraged to seek ANCC certification. The Director of Nursing Services in consultation with the Bargaining Unit President will determine which certification subject is most relevant to the program area of the employee's current position.

B) As an incentive to employees, the employer agrees to pay for testing time up to a maximum of eight (8) hours. Upon presentation to the Director of Nursing Services of proof of ANCC certification and personal payment of fees, the employee will be reimbursed for one-half (1/2) of the application and examination fees.

C) The employee is eligible to receive a differential of one and one-half percent (1.5%) of base salary for their ANCC accreditation, once requested by the employee and verification of the accreditation is received by management.

See LOA: Harbors Building Safety Pilot – Collaborative Problem Solving (CPS)

ARTICLE 20 (A) - WORK PERFORMED IN A HIGHER CLASSIFICATION

All employees who are assigned in writing the work in a higher level classification shall be compensated five percent (5%) above their current rate. Provided that such arrangement is for ten (10) or more consecutive days, such compensation shall be for all actual hours of work at the higher classification beginning from the first day of the assignment for the full period of the assignment.
ARTICLE 21 - ON-CALL/CALL BACK

Section 1. Employees shall be paid one (1) hour of pay at the regular straight time rate for each six (6) hours of assigned on-call duty. Employees who are assigned on-call duty for less than six (6) hours shall be paid on a prorated basis.

Section 2. An employee shall be on on-call duty when required to be available for work outside his/her normal working hours and meet all the following conditions: 1) The Employee is required to leave word with the Agency where he/she can be contacted during a specified period of time, or pager, and 2) The employee is required and must be prepared to immediately commence full time work if the need arises.

Section 3. An employee shall not be on on-call time once he/she actually commences performing assigned duties and receives the appropriate rate of pay for time worked.

Section 4. No employee is eligible for any premium pay compensation while on on-call duty except as expressly stated in this Article.

Section 5. On-call duty time shall not be counted as time worked in the computation of overtime compensation.

Section 6. An employee who is called back to work outside his/her regular shift, will receive the appropriate rate of compensation in accordance with this Agreement for hours actually worked, but in no event will the employee be paid less than two (2) hours at the straight time rate of pay.

Section 7. This provision will not apply when call back results from employee oversight (e.g., taking home necessary keys, equipment necessary at the campus, etc.). This provision does not prevent the Agency from calling employees for information not requiring call back. The employees would not be required to remain at home or available unless on on-call status.

ARTICLE 22 - POSITION DESCRIPTION

Position descriptions shall be reduced to writing and delineate the specific duties assigned to an employee’s position. A dated copy of the position description shall be given to the employee upon assuming the position and at such time as the duties of the position are substantially changed.

ARTICLE 23 - PERFORMANCE APPRAISAL

Section 1. The employee will be rated by his/her immediate supervisor. The performance appraisal will be reviewed by the next higher level supervisor. The rater will 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 shall sign the performance appraisal and that signature shall only indicate that the employee has read the performance appraisal. A copy shall be provided the employee at this time.

If there are any changes or recommendations to be made in the performance appraisal after the rater has discussed it with the employee, the performance appraisal shall be returned to the rater for discussion with the employee before these changes can be made. The employee shall have the opportunity to comment on these changes. The employee shall sign the new performance appraisal and that signature shall only indicate that the employee has read the performance appraisal. A copy shall be provided the employee at this time.

All written comments provided by the employee within thirty (30) days shall be attached to the performance appraisal. Performance evaluations are not grievable nor arbitrable under this Agreement.

Section 2. Every employee shall receive a performance appraisal at the end of a trial service period, and at least annually thereafter by the employee’s eligibility date even if the employee is at the maximum rate for his/her class.

Performance shall be measured using the following criteria:
A) Classification specifications developed and promulgated by the Chief Human Resource Office of the Department of Administrative Services;
B) An individual position description, reduced to writing;
C) A written work plan when applicable;
D) Written memorandum, when necessary; and
E) Disciplinary action under Article 55 (Discipline and Discharge).

These criteria shall be the primary factors upon which an employee's performance is judged and upon which annual performance pay decisions are determined.

Section 3. No salary denial may be based upon any factor other than those listed above, except a denial based upon a disciplinary action.

ARTICLE 24 - SALARY ADMINISTRATION

Section 1. Merit Salary Increases. Employees shall be eligible for merit salary increases on their date of hire following:
A) Completion of the initial twelve (12) months of service;
B) Completion of a trial service following promotion; and
C) Annual periods after (a) or (b) above until the employee has reached the top of the salary range.

Merit salary increases shall be made upon recommendation of the employee's immediate supervisor and approval of the Appointing Authority. Employees rated in Categories 4 and 5 shall not receive an increase. The Agency shall give written notice to an employee of withholding of a merit salary increase prior to the eligibility date, including a statement of the reason(s) it is being withheld. If a merit increase is not granted on the eligibility date, the employee's eligibility date is retained no longer than eleven (11) months. If the increase is subsequently granted within eleven (11) months, it shall be effective on the first of the following month and shall not be retroactive.

Section 2. Rate of Pay Upon Promotion. An employee who is promoted shall be given an immediate increase to the new salary range, which increase shall be no less than four percent (4%). When given such an increase at the time of promotion, the employee will be eligible for a salary increase the first of the month following six (6) months in the new class and annually thereafter.

Section 3. Salary on Demotion.
A) When a trial service employee voluntarily demotes to a job classification with a lower salary range, the new rate of pay will be at that step in the new range the employee would have attained had he/she not served in the higher classification. If the employee had an eligibility date for a merit salary increase in the lower class, it shall be retained if the employee is not at the top of the new salary range.
B) When a regular employee accepts a demotion, the salary rate shall not be changed if within the range of the new classification. At the employee's next eligibility date, the employee shall be eligible for an increase which shall be to an established rate in the range and equal to at least one (1) full step in that range. If the old rate is above the highest step for the new salary range, the rate shall be at the highest step in the lower range.
C) When an employee is demoted for disciplinary reasons, the new rate of pay will be at a step in the lower range set by terms of the disciplinary action.

Section 4. Rate of Pay Upon Upward Reclassification. When an employee is non-competitively advanced because of reclassification of his/her position, he/she shall be given an increase in accordance with the provisions of Section 2 above.

Section 5. Salary Advance. Release of sixty percent (60%) of an employee's earned gross wages prior to the employee's designated payday shall be authorized subject to approval of the Appointing Authority, in emergency cases upon receipt of a written request from the employee that describes the emergency. An emergency situation shall be defined as an unusual,
unforeseen event or condition that requires immediate financial attention by an employee. Emergencies include but are not limited to the following circumstances:

1) Death in family
2) Major car repair
3) Theft of funds
4) Automobile accident (loss of vehicle use)
5) Accident or sickness
6) Destruction or major damage to home
7) New employee lack of funds (maximum – one (1) draw)
8) Moving due to transfer or promotion.

**ARTICLE 25 - TRAVEL, MILEAGE AND MOVING EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENTS**

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

**Section 2. Moving Expenses.** Reimbursements and procedures will be in accordance with the 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 26 - MEALS**

If an employee works two (2) consecutive shifts, or the greater part of the second shift, one of which must be unplanned, the Agency will:

(a) Provide the employee a meal; or

(b) Provide the employee with a thirty (30) minute break between shifts.

If the Agency cannot provide the employee with a meal or a break between shifts, the Agency will pay the employee eight ($8.00) dollars as a penalty payment.

This Article does not apply when an employee is on official travel status, and shall not be incorporated into the base rate of pay for overtime purposes.

**ARTICLE 27 - REVIEW OF CLASSIFICATION SERIES**

**Section 1.** The Department of Administrative Services, Chief Human Resource Office shall notify the Union of intended classification studies prior to submitting the proposal under Section 2 of this Article.

**Section 2.** Whenever a change in class specifications or a new classification is proposed, it is agreed that the Department of Administrative Services, Chief Human Resource Office will submit the proposal to the Union to provide opportunity for its review and comments. Within thirty (30) days of its receipt of the proposal, the Union may meet with the Division and may present arguments and recommendations where there are objections raised on behalf of the represented employees. Any extension of time specified shall be mutually agreed to in writing.

**Section 3.** The Union may recommend classification studies to be conducted by the Department of Administrative Services, Chief Human Resource Office indicating the reasons for the need for such studies.

See LOA: Review of Classification Series and Compensation Plan
ARTICLE 28 - RECLASSIFICATION PROCEDURE

Section 1. The parties shall use the following procedure to process reclassification requests initiated by an employee or the Union.

A) A completed Position Description Form (PD124) and a written explanation for a proposed reclassification request shall be submitted to the Agency Office of Human Resources.

B) The Agency Office of Human Resources shall conduct a classification audit and review the merits of the request. The Union shall have an opportunity before the thirty (30)-day decision date to meet with the Agency Office of Human Resources to present arguments and recommendations where there are objections to the proposed reclassification. Within thirty (30) days after receipt of a reclassification request the Agency Office of Human Resources shall notify the Union of its decision. The parties may extend the time limit by mutual written agreement in those instances where the review process or other extenuating circumstances require additional time for analysis.

C) In instances where the Agency Office of Human Resources denies the request, the employee may appeal the decision within fifteen (15) days to the Agency Head.

D) If approved, the effective date of a reclassification implemented under this Article shall not be later than thirty (30) days from the date of filing the request with the Agency Office of Human Resources.

E) When an employee is non-competitively advanced because of reclassification of his/her position, he/she shall be given an increase in accordance with the provision of Article 24 (Salary Administration), Section 2 (Rate of Pay Upon Promotion).

F) The Agency Office of Human Resources shall furnish Position Description Forms at the request of the Union.

Section 2. When an Agency initiates an upward reclassification of a position, the affected employee shall be notified in writing.

Section 3. If a reclassification request which is approved by the Agency does not receive Department of Administrative Services or legislative approval, the duties of the position will be restructured to conform to the prior classification. The employee shall be paid the rate of pay of the higher level classification from the first of the month following the month in which the reclassification request was received by the Agency to the date the duties were removed.

Section 4. The Agency Office of Human Resources shall notify an incumbent employee and the Union in writing sixty (60) days in advance of a downward reclassification of a position and the specific reasons for the action. When an employee is reclassified downward, the employee’s rate of pay shall be that of the last salary rate earned in the salary range of the previous classification. It shall remain at that rate until a rate in the salary range of the new classification exceeds it, at which time the employee’s salary will be adjusted to that rate and the salary review and eligibility date will be established one (1) year from that date provided the employee is not at the maximum of the salary range to which the employee was reclassified.


Agency Appeal: If an employee’s requested reclassification is denied or the Agency reclassifies an employee’s position, the Union may appeal the decision in writing to the Agency Head or designee within fifteen (15) calendar days after receipt of the Agency’s decision. The appeal must identify the reason(s) the Agency’s decision is incorrect. The Agency shall respond to the appeal in writing within fifteen (15) calendar days from receipt of the Union’s appeal.

Committee Appeal: If the Agency denies an employee’s reclassification request or if the Agency reclassifies an employee’s position, the Union may appeal the decision to the Employer/Union Classification Appeal Committee. The appeal must be in writing and submitted within fifteen (15) calendar days from the date the Agency’s final decision. All appeals must be supported with copies of documents originally provided to the Agency for the reclassification request, including written explanation of the request and all relevant documentation. No new documentation or information will be considered by the...
Committee unless mutually agreed upon. Upon request, the Union and employee shall have one (1) opportunity to address the committee.

**Employer/Union Classification Appeal Committee:** The committee shall be composed of one (1) Employer representative and one (1) Union staff representative. The Committee’s sole mission will be to consider appeals pursuant to this section of the article and make decisions which maintain the integrity of the classification system by correctly applying the classification specifications. Each representative shall have experience making classification decisions.

**Appeal Decision Process:** The Committee will attempt to resolve the appeal by jointly determining whether the current or another classification more accurately depicts the overall assigned duties, authorities and responsibilities of the position. 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. The Committee will prepare an initial written decision to the Agency and Union within thirty (30) calendar days of receipt which will include the reasons for the decision. Agency management retains the right to modify duties to ensure consistency with the Agency’s work, goals and objectives. If the finding of the committee determines the assigned duties are appropriately classified at a higher salary range and the Agency subsequently removes the higher level duties, the employee will receive a lump sum payment for the difference between the current salary rate including work out of classification as determined by the committee. This payment shall be for the time period beginning the first of the month following the month in which the reclassification request was received by the Agency to the date the duties are removed.

**Arbitration:** If there is no resolution, the Union may request arbitration in writing within fifteen (15) calendar days from the date of receipt of the Committee’s final written decision. The Union’s request must be sent to the Department of Administrative Services Labor Relations Unit and shall include the reasons why the Agency’s decision is incorrect.

The Parties agree to the appointment of a panel of three (3) arbitrators to hear all appeals under this article. Arbitrators shall be assigned on a rotational basis. The arbitrators shall have experience resolving classification issues. An arbitrator may be removed from the panel by mutual agreement of the Parties. However, each party retains the right to initiate a change in that arbitrator’s appointment upon notice to the other party. If this occurs, the Parties agree to select another qualified arbitrator. The change in assigned arbitrator shall be effective for any case not yet scheduled for arbitration. 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 by the Party requiring the service or item for which payment is to be made.

The arbitrator shall allow the Agency’s decision to stand unless he/she concludes that the proposed classification more accurately depicts the overall assigned duties, authority, and responsibilities using the criteria specified below. In the event the arbitrator finds in favor of the proposed or alternate classification, Agency management may elect to remove/modify duties at any point during the process. However, if the agency removes the higher level duties, the employee will receive a lump sum payment for the difference between the current salary rate including work out of classification pay already paid if any, and the appropriate salary rate for the classification as determined by the committee. This payment shall be for the time period beginning the date in which the request was received by the Agency to the date the duties are removed.

**Classification Criteria:** For purposes of this section, a reclassification must be based on findings that the purpose of the position is consistent with the concept of the proposed classification and that the class specifications for the proposed classification more
accurately depicts the overall assigned duties, authority and responsibilities of the position.

Terms used above shall be defined as follows:

a) the purpose of the position 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;

b) the concept of the proposed classification shall be determined by the general description and distinguishing features of its class specifications; and

c) 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 Section supersedes any provisions contained in the Agency’s grievance procedure.

ARTICLE 29 - DOWNWARD RECLASSIFICATION

Section 1. The Agency Office of Human Resources shall notify an incumbent employee and the Union in writing sixty (60) days in advance of a downward reclassification of a position and the specific reasons for the action.

Section 2. When an employee is reclassified downward, the employee’s rate of pay shall be that of the last salary rate earned in the salary range of the previous classification. It shall remain at that rate until a rate in the salary range of the new classification exceeds it, at which time the employee’s salary will be adjusted to that rate and the salary review and eligibility date will be established one (1) year from that date provided the employee is not at the maximum of the salary range to which the employee was reclassified.

ARTICLE 30 - 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 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 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 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 31 - RETURN TO CLASSIFIED SERVICE FROM EXEMPT OR UNCLASSIFIED SERVICE

Section 1.

A regular employee who is appointed to a position in the unclassified or exempt service or a regular employee whose position is placed in the unclassified or exempt service by statute shall, after separation from the unclassified or exempt position, have the right to return to a position in the same Agency and in the same class (or equivalent class in the new class system) as the position last held in the classified service provided that a request is made within thirty (30) days from the date of separation. Should there be no vacant position available, a layoff shall occur. Should the employee who is seeking to return to the classified service have the least service credit among those in the class, that employee shall be laid off and his name shall be placed in order of service credit on both the Agency layoff list and the reemployment list for the class in which the layoff occurred.
Section 2.

If an employee returns to classified service from exempt or unclassified service, the employee shall, upon return to a position, regain all bargaining unit seniority less the time served in exempt or unclassified service.

ARTICLE 32 - REINSTATEMENT AFTER SEPARATION

A former regular or trial service employee who has separated in good standing may be reinstated to a position in his/her former class and division within two (2) years following the date of separation. However, a former employee shall not be reinstated if qualified persons are on layoff from the class and division or organization unit where the vacancy exists.

ARTICLE 33 - PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION

Section 1. Exit Interview. Nurses terminating employment with the Employer will be provided an opportunity to receive an exit interview at their request. The employee will identify an available member of the nursing Leadership Team to conduct the exit interview. The employee may request a union representative to be present for the purposes of documentation and support only.

Section 2. Nurse Supervision. RN’s in the nursing service and covered by this Agreement shall be supervised and evaluated for their professional performance by other RN supervisors only. This Section does not preclude information from other personnel being used in the supervisory and evaluation process.

ARTICLE 34 - PERSONNEL RECORDS

Section 1. The Agency shall maintain one (1) official personnel file for each employee, located at the Human Resource Office. An individual employee may inspect his/her personnel file except confidential reports from previous employers. With the employee’s written authorization, his/her Union Representative may inspect the employee’s official personnel file or supervisory working file except confidential reports from previous employers.

Section 2. No information reflecting critically upon an employee shall be placed in the employee 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/her personnel file provided the following disclaimer is attached:

"Employee’s signature confirms only that the supervisor has 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 Agency 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/her address of record and a copy given to the Union.

Section 3. Records pertaining to an individual's qualifications, personnel actions, performance evaluations, commendations, or disciplinary matters shall be contained in the official personnel file. Excluding major infractions, the Employer may not use any information in any disciplinary action regarding any employee unless that information is included within the official personnel file.

Section 4. Material reflecting caution, consultation, warning, admonishment or reprimand or other disciplinary action shall be retained for a maximum of three (3) years in the official personnel file. However, such material may be removed after twenty-four (24) months, upon written request of the employee, provided there have been no incidents of a similar nature in the interim. Earlier removal may be permitted when requested by the employee and if approved by the appointing authority.
Section 5. Employees shall be entitled to prepare a written explanation or opinion regarding any critical material placed in his/her personnel file or supervisory working file. The employee’s written explanation or opinion must be provided within ninety (90) days of the employee signing the material. The employee’s written explanation or opinion shall be attached to the critical material and shall be included as part of the employee’s official personnel record or supervisory working file until the critical material is removed. As confirmed by the appointing authority, incorrect material will be removed, upon request, from an employee’s official personnel file.

Section 6. An employee may include in his/her official personnel file a reasonable amount of relevant material he/she wishes, such as letters of favorable comment, licenses, certificates, college course credits, or other material which relates creditably on the employee. This material shall be retained for a minimum of three (3) years or longer if required by the Secretary of State’s Retention Schedule.

Section 7. Material relating to grievances, or disciplinary action recommended but not taken, or disciplinary actions which have been overturned on appeal shall not be retained in the employee's official personnel file.

ARTICLE 35 - TRIAL SERVICE

Section 1. Initial Trial Service.
A) Duration. The trial service period is recognized as an extension of the selection process and is the time immediately following initial appointment to a position in the bargaining unit. All employees shall serve an initial trial service period of six (6) months.

B) Extension. An employee’s trial service period shall not be extended except in instances where an employee’s leave without pay exceeds fifteen (15) consecutive calendar days. When such leave without pay exceeds fifteen (15) consecutive calendar days, the trial service period shall be extended by the number of days of the leave without pay.

C) Removal. An employee may be removed during the trial service period if he/she displays an unwillingness or inability to perform the duties of a position satisfactorily; if he/she displays habits or dependability that do not merit his/her continuance in the service or classification; or because of lack of funds or work. Upon removal, the Agency shall forthwith notify in writing the employee removed and the Union of the action and the reason therefore. Such employee shall not have the right to grieve his/her trial service removal.

D) Transfer/Promotion. An employee who is voluntarily transferred to another specialty area or promoted to another position prior to the completion of his/her initial trial service period, shall serve an additional six (6) months' trial service in the latter position in order to gain regular status. All other provisions of Section 1 will apply.

E) For the duration of this Agreement, the parties agree that the Union will agree to six (6) month extensions of initial trial service when notified of the need by management. Said extensions shall not affect benefits or any other provision of this Agreement except that just cause and progressive discipline shall not apply to employees on extended trial service.

Section 2. Rehire After Separation From Service. All employees rehired after separation from service shall serve a trial service period of six (6) months. The provisions of Sections 1.B., 1.C. and 1.D. shall also apply.

Section 3. Promotional Trial Service.
A) Duration. All regular status employees promoted to a higher classification shall serve a trial service period of six (6) months.

B) Extension. An employee’s trial service period shall not be extended except in instances where an employee’s leave without pay exceeds fifteen (15) consecutive calendar days. When such leave without pay exceeds fifteen (15) consecutive calendar days, the trial service period shall be extended by the number of days of the leave without pay.
C) Removal. An employee who is serving trial service as a result of a promotion shall not have the right to grieve his/her removal from the promoted position. However, he/she shall have the right to return to an available position in his/her former specialty area.

ARTICLE 36 - FILLING OF POSITIONS

Section 1. Agency Lateral Transfer Opportunities. The Agency will determine whether a vacancy is to be filled and the method/means to fill that vacancy. Positions may be filled by lateral transfer within the individual Agency programs prior to considering outside applicants. All subsequent vacancies shall be posted on the State designated E-Recruit system for a minimum of seven (7) days. Postings shall include the work program or unit, shift, days off and qualifications for the job. All interested applicants shall apply using the process specified. The Agency may consider years of experience, Veteran's preference, special skills, certifications, interviews, references or any other job related process or combination thereof, to choose the best qualified candidate for the position. In cases where applicant's experience and qualifications are substantially equal, the principle of seniority shall be the deciding factor.

Section 2. Agency Promotional Opportunities. All positions in the bargaining unit that represent possible promotional opportunities for existing staff will be posted on the State designated E-Recruit system for a minimum of seven (7) calendar days. All interested applicants including employees shall apply using the process specified. In cases where applicants' experience and qualification are substantially equal, the principle of seniority shall be the deciding factor. For purpose of this Article, seniority will be defined as total continuous State service.

ARTICLE 37 - LAYOFF AND RECALL

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 the service because of shortage of funds or materials, abolishment of position, or for other 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 reasons for the layoff.

Section 3. The Agency may lay off either part-time or full-time employees within a job classification according to the following procedure (job-share employees shall be considered part-time employees):

A) The Agency shall determine the specific position to be vacated;
B) Separate lists will apply to full-time and part-time employees in a classification;
C) The employee and the Union shall be given written notice of the pending layoff at least fifteen (15) calendar days before the effective date, stating the reason(s) for the layoff; and
D) The layoff will occur in the following order within the major affected nursing units:
   1) Temporary employees;
   2) Trial service employees; and
   3) Regular employees in inverse order of seniority.

Section 4. If it is found that two (2) or more employees in the Agency in which the layoff is to be made have equal seniority, the order of layoff shall be in inverse order of the greatest seniority. If this does not break the tie, then the greatest seniority in the Agency shall be used. If ties between employees still exist, the order of layoff shall be determined by the Agency in such a manner as to conserve for the State the services of the most qualified employees.

Section 5. A regular employee who is about to be laid off may displace an employee in the same class or demote and displace an employee in a lower RN classification within the Agency provided:
   A) The employee has more seniority than the employee with the least seniority in the classification; and
   B) The employee meets the qualifications for the position.

In order to displace someone per the provisions of this Section, the employee must notify the Agency HR Manager of his/her choice within five (5) calendar days of the receipt of the layoff notice.

Section 6. Seniority.
A) Seniority Definition. Seniority is the Layoff Service Date (LSD), which is the date the employee began state service (the Recognized Service Date or RSD) as adjusted for break(s) in service.
B) Break in Service. Continuous service is service without a separation from employment of more than ninety (90) consecutive days, except for layoff. Periods of leave without pay or layoff will be deducted from seniority. An employee, other than one laid off, who separates from the Employer’s service for more than ninety (90) consecutive days and subsequently returns to employment, shall not regain previously earned service seniority.
C) Upon signing of this Agreement, a one-time adjustment to the LSD will be made for eligible service prior to the date of signing this Agreement. This adjustment shall pro-rate the amount of time credited to the LSD to reflect all part-time regular hours worked.

Section 7. Any employee demoted in lieu of layoff may request at that time and shall be paid for all accrued compensatory time at the rate being earned prior to demotion in lieu of layoff.

Section 8. Employees may remain on layoff for up to two (2) years and shall not lose previously accrued credit for seniority nor service while on layoff, provided they return from layoff when first recalled.

Section 9. Employees shall be recalled to work in inverse order of layoff, provided they are qualified to perform the duties of the position available. A nurse who is passed over retains his/her position on the recall list.

Section 10. Rate of Pay on Appointment from Layoff. When an individual is appointed from a layoff list to a position in the same classification in which the person was previously employed, the person shall be paid at the same salary step at which such employee was being paid at the time of layoff. The employee’s previous salary eligibility date, adjusted by the amount of break in service, shall be restored.

Section 11. Secondary Recall Rights.
A) Application: These rights apply to all employees in bargaining units represented by AFSCME at Central Table negotiations as well as the Department of Corrections and Board of Parole except employees who are laid off during initial trial service.
B) Definitions:
   1) Geographic areas, for the purpose of secondary recall, are each location for which an employee may indicate his/her willingness to relocate on the State’s PD100.
   2) Agency Layoff Lists are intra-agency layoff lists, as defined in each AFSCME Central Table Agency and/or Department of Corrections and Board of Parole bargaining unit contract.
3) Secondary Recall List is an inter-agency layoff list, which consists of regular status employees who have been separated by layoff from Union-represented positions in AFSCME Central Table Agencies and/or Department of Corrections and Board of Parole and who have elected to be placed on such list, consistent with the definitions of geographic areas defined above.

C) Coordination with Filling of Vacancy and Layoff Articles: The recall options provided herein shall be consistent with the priority of recall to positions from layoff within an Agency, as specified within each Agency’s contract, except that recall from Agency Layoff Lists shall take precedence over recall from the Secondary Recall List.

D) Procedures:
1) Placement on the Secondary Recall List.
   a) Regular status employees who are separated from the service of the State in good standing (meaning no record of economic disciplinary sanctions in his/her personnel file) by layoff or transferred outside state government due to intergovernmental transfer shall, in addition to their right to be placed on the Agency Layoff List, be given the option of electing placement on the Secondary Recall List by geographic area for other AFSCME represented bargaining units which utilize the same or successor classification from which they were laid off. The term of eligibility of candidates placed on the list shall be two (2) years from the date of layoff. When an employee is prohibited from participating in the secondary recall process due to the presence of an economic disciplinary sanction in his/her personnel file, that employee may request and shall be placed on the secondary recall list for the remainder of the two (2) years eligibility following layoff once the discipline has remained in the file for the length of time required by the agency’s contract.
   b) Employees who elect to be placed on the Secondary Recall List shall specify in writing the AFSCME Central Table and/or Department of Corrections and Board of Parole bargaining units and geographic areas to which they are willing to be recalled.

2) Use of the Secondary Recall List.
   a) After the exhaustion of the Agency Layoff List for a specific classification within a geographic area, the Secondary Recall List shall be used to fill all positions within a specific classification and geographic area consistent with Section (c) above, until such secondary list is exhausted.
   b) To be eligible for appointment from the Secondary Recall List, a laid off employee on such list must meet the minimum qualifications for the classification and any special qualifications for the position.
   c) Agencies shall utilize the Secondary Recall List to fill positions by calling for certifications from the list of the five (5) most senior employees who meet the minimum qualifications for the classification and any special qualifications for the position to be filled by selecting one (1) of the five (5) so certified. Seniority for this purpose shall be computed as described per the layoff article of each Agency’s contract.
   d) Where fewer than five (5) eligible employees remain on the Secondary Recall List, the Agency shall select one (1) of these employees who meets the minimum qualifications for the class and any special qualifications for the position.

3) Appointments/Refusals of Appointments from the Secondary Recall List.
   a) A laid off employee on the Secondary Recall List who is offered an appointment from the list and refuses to accept the appointment shall have his/her name removed from the Secondary Recall List; however, an Agency will not remove an employee’s name from the Secondary Recall
List where that individual had been a day shift employee and subsequently refuses the offer of a position with swing shift or night shift hours.

b) Employees appointed to positions from the Secondary Recall List shall have their names removed from their Agency Layoff List(s) and the Secondary Recall List.

c) Employees appointed to positions from the Secondary Recall List shall serve a trial service period not to exceed three (3) full months except that employees hired into the Offender Information and Sentence Unit as Prison Term Analyst (PTA) shall serve a trial service period consistent with the DOC agreement. Administration of the trial service period shall be consistent with the hiring Agency’s contract. However, employees who fail to successfully complete this trial service period shall have their names restored to the Agency Layoff List(s) on which they previously had standing. Restoration to the Agency Layoff List(s) shall be for the remaining period of eligibility that existed at the time of appointment from the Secondary Recall List. An employee may also petition the DAS-Labor Relations Unit to also be restored to the Secondary Recall List for the remainder of the initial twenty-four (24)-month recall period where the trial service removal was not related to potential misconduct warranting an economic or dismissal sanction. In no instance shall the DAS-Labor Relations Unit’s decision be grievable.

d) Employees appointed to positions from the Secondary Recall List shall not be entitled to moving expenses.

ARTICLE 38 - 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 Day on the third Monday in February.
D) Memorial Day on the last Monday in May.
F) Labor Day on the first Monday in September.
G) Veterans’ 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 everyday 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. 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 monthly salary, to compensatory time off for the time worked or, at the discretion of the Appointing Authority, to be paid cash for time worked. Compensatory time off or cash paid for all time worked shall be at the rate of time and one-half (1-1/2). The rate at 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.

Section 3. Recognized holidays which occur during vacation or sick leave will be charged as holiday rather than vacation or sick leave.

Section 4. When a recognized holiday falls on an employee’s regularly scheduled day off, the employee shall have the choice of straight time pay for the lesser of the employee’s regularly
scheduled hours or eight (8) hours or straight time compensatory time off. Such time shall not count as time worked for computation of overtime purposes.

Section 5. Employees who have recognized holidays falling on their days off will have the choice of straight time pay or compensatory time for those holidays.

Section 6. At the completion of six (6) full calendar months of service, full-time employees shall be entitled to twenty-four (24) hours of personal leave with pay for each fiscal year (July 1 through June 30). Staff will be allowed to utilize personal business leave in any increments for unexpected, unplanned problems that arise that prevent the employee from reporting to work in a timely manner. Requests to convert the time need to be submitted within five (5) working days. 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. Personal leave shall not be cumulative from year to year 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 39 - VACATIONS

Section 1. Accumulation.
A) Full-time. Vacation leave shall be accumulated for full-time employees as follows:

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B) Part-time. Employees who work at least thirty-two (32) hours per month, but less than full-time, will accrue vacation leave on a prorated basis.

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

Section 3. Vacation Time During First Year of Employment.
A) Employees are eligible to use vacation leave after six (6) months of service. A month of service for a part-time employee is any month the employee works thirty-two (32) hours or more. In the event of layoff or termination after six (6) months of service, any unused vacation will be paid to the employee.
B) Employees may use up to sixteen (16) hours of accrued vacation leave during the first six (6) months of service. In no instance will this sub-section allow cash payment for the vacation accrued during the first six (6) months of service.

Section 4. Return After Separation. Employees who have been separated from and return to a permanent position within two (2) years shall be given credit toward additional vacation credits for service prior to their separations. All time in State service shall be counted as long as there is not a break in service of more than two (2) years.

Section 5. Other Credited Service. Time spent in actual service or on Peace Corps, military, educational, or job-incurred disability leave without pay shall be considered as time in the State service in determining length of service for earning vacation credits.

Section 6. Ceiling. Vacation hours may accumulate to a maximum of three hundred fifty (350) hours; however, in the event of layoff, resignation, retirement or termination, 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 7. Effect of Paid Leave on Vacation Accrual. All paid time off shall be considered
time worked.

Section 8. Pay Upon Termination. In the event of termination, any unused vacation will be paid
to the employee.

Section 9. Pay Upon Death. In the event of an employee's death, all monies due him/her for
accumulated vacation and/or salary shall be paid as provided by law.

ARTICLE 40 - SICK LEAVE

Section 1. Sick Leave with Pay except for Temporary Employees. Sick leave with pay for
State employees shall be determined in the following manner:
A) Eligibility for sick leave with pay. Employees shall be eligible for sick leave with pay
   immediately upon accrual.
B) Determination of service for sick leave with pay. 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 in that month.
C) Accrual rate of sick leave with pay credits. Employees shall accrue eight (8) hours of
   sick leave with pay credits for each full month worked. Employees who work less than a
   full month but at least thirty-two (32) hours shall accrue sick leave with pay on a pro rata
   basis.

Section 2. Utilization of Sick Leave with Pay. 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 employee has the duty to 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. The
employee shall be entitled to use accrued vacation, compensatory time or leave without pay in
any combination for the period of maternity leave.

ARTICLE 41 - HARDSHIP LEAVE

These provisions shall apply for the purpose of allowing employees to donate accrued
vacation leave and compensatory time for use by eligible recipients as sick leave. The
Department will allow employees to make donations of accumulated compensatory time or
vacation leave, not to exceed the hours necessary to cover for the qualifying absence, to a
coworker as provided in paragraph C below. The transfer of accumulated Vacation Leave or
compensatory time and the utilization of such leave shall be subject to the following and shall be strictly enforced with no exceptions:

A) Employees on Workers' Compensation may not participate in this program either as donors or donees.

B) Donations shall be credited at the recipient's current regular hourly rate of pay.

C) The donor(s) and donee must be regular employees within the Oregon Health Authority.

D) Use of donated leave shall be consistent with the provisions of Article 40, Section 2, Utilization of Sick Leave with Pay.

E) Applications for hardship leave shall be in writing and sent to the Personnel Office and accompanied by the treating physician/practitioner's written statement certifying: (1) the illness or injury will continue for at least fifteen (15) days following donee's projected exhausting of his/her accumulated leave (including, but not limited to, sick, vacation, personal, and compensatory leave accruals); and, (2) the total leave will be at least thirty (30) consecutive calendar days of absence in combination of paid and unpaid leave. Donated leave may be used intermittently for the same event after the employee has satisfied the eligibility requirements to receive donated leave.

F) 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.

ARTICLE 42 - PRE-RETIREMENT COUNSELING LEAVE

After reaching earliest retirement age, 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 fifteen (15) days prior to the intended date of use.

Authorization for use of pre-retirement counseling leave shall not be withheld unless the Appointing Authority determines that the use of such leave will handicap the efficiency of the employee's work unit.

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 43 - LEAVE OF ABSENCE WITH PAY

Section 1. An employee shall be granted a leave of absence without loss of pay or other benefits for the following:

A) Service with a Jury. The employee may keep any money paid by the court for serving on a jury.

B) Appearance Before a Court. Appearing as a witness before a court, legislative committee or judicial or a quasi-judicial body in response to a subpoena or other direction by proper authority for matters other than the employee's officially assigned duties. The employee may keep any money paid in connection with the appearance.

C) Search or Rescue Operation. Participation at the request of any law enforcement agency, the Administrator of the Aeronautic Division, the United States Forest Service or any local organization for civil defense, for a period of no more than five (5) days for each operation.

D) Military Leave. In accordance with ORS 408.290, an employee who is a member of the National Guard or of any reserve components of the armed forces of the United States is entitled to a leave of absence with pay for a period not exceeding fifteen (15) calendar days or eleven (11) workdays in any training year. If the training time for which the
employee is called to active duty is longer than fifteen (15) calendar days, the employee may be paid for the first fifteen (15) days only if such time is served for the purpose of discharging an obligation of annual active duty for training in the military reserve or National Guard.

E) Other authorized duties in connection with State business.

F) As otherwise expressly provided for by Oregon statutes.

**Section 2. Attendance in Court.** Attendance in court in connection with an employee’s officially assigned duties shall be considered time worked including the time required going to court and returning to his/her headquarters. The employee shall turn in to the Agency any witness fee money for such attendance during duty hours.

**Section 3. Job Interview Leave.** Interview leave shall be allowed pursuant to the following:

A) 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.

B) 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.

C) All interview leave time approved under Guidelines A and B must be recorded as IT on the employee’s timesheet/time reporting period.

D) Interview leave used shall not count as time worked for purposes of overtime.

E) An agency shall not incur any employee reimbursement costs.

**Section 4. 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. 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 leave may be taken for aunt, uncle, niece or nephew.

**Section 5. Workers Compensation.** In the event that a staff person is physically assaulted in the course of their duties, the Agency will pay up to three (3) days administrative paid leave for an employee following an injury under the following conditions:

1. The employee seeks medical care within forty-eight (48) hours of being injured.
2. The employee applies for and is approved for worker’s compensation. The claim must be for a period less than fourteen (14) days.
3. The employee’s attending physician certifies that the employee cannot work.
Should the employee’s claim be denied or if the SAIF claim is approved and the employee receives time loss payments for a period of time that last fourteen (14) or more days then the Agency shall recoup those monies.

ARTICLE 44 - LEAVE OF ABSENCE WITHOUT PAY

Section 1. Leave of Absence without Pay. In instances where the work of an Agency will not be seriously handicapped by the temporary absence of an employee, the employee may be granted a leave of absence without pay or educational leave without pay not to exceed one (1) year. Request for such leave must be in writing and must establish reasonable justification for approval of the request. A period of leave of fifteen (15) days or less shall be treated as leave without pay; and, during such period an employee shall not be scheduled for any vacation leave or compensatory time off that has accrued to the employee’s credit. Where the leave is to exceed fifteen (15) days, any employee who is granted a leave of absence without pay normally shall first be scheduled for any vacation leave and compensatory time off that has accrued to the employee’s credit for that portion of the leave which is in excess of fifteen (15) days. The first fifteen (15) days of a period of leave that is to exceed fifteen (15) days shall be treated as leave without pay; and, during that period, an employee shall not be scheduled for any vacation leave or compensatory time off that has accrued to the employee’s credit. Normally, such leave will not be approved for an employee who is accepting employment outside the State service. Vacation leave shall not accrue during a leave of absence without pay, the duration of which exceeds fifteen (15) days. The Employer shall make every reasonable effort to reinstate the employee to his/her former assignment. An employee shall be granted leave without pay for the following:

A) Military Leave.

1) An employee going on voluntary or involuntary military service school training beyond eleven (11) workdays shall be entitled to leave without pay during a period of active duty training. However, reduction in salary will not be made for an FLSA-exempt employee on temporary military leave except for full workweek increments where such leave causes an absence of one (1) of one or more full workweeks.

2) An employee who enlists in the military service shall be entitled to a military leave of absence without pay during an initial enlistment period of service with the armed forces of the United States. He/she shall, upon separation from such service under honorable conditions be returned to a position in the same class, without loss of seniority or employment rights. Employees shall make application for reinstatement within ninety (90) days and shall report for duty within six (6) months following separation from active duty. Failure to comply may terminate military leave. If it is established that he/she is not physically qualified to perform the duties of his/her former position by reason of such service, he/she shall be reinstated in other work that he/she is able to perform at the nearest appropriate level of pay of his/her former class.

B) Peace Corps. A regular employee joining the Peace Corps shall be entitled to a leave of absence without pay for at least two (2) years. Such employee shall have the right to return to a position in the same class as his/her last held position and at the prevailing salary rate without loss of seniority or other employment rights. Failure of the employee to report within ninety (90) days after termination of his/her service shall be cause for termination.
ARTICLE 45 - LEAVE ADMINISTRATION

Section 1. Compensatory Time. Compensatory time for holidays and overtime worked may be accrued to a maximum of two hundred (200) hours of compensatory time per year. The year for computing annual accrual of compensatory time off will run from November 1 through October 31.

On November 1 of each year, employees will elect to do one of the following:

a. Be paid for all unused accrued compensatory time or,

b. Carry over up to sixty (60) hours of unused compensatory time into the subsequent year. Any hours carried over will be applied to the annual accrual for the subsequent year.

Subject to the operating requirements of the work unit, the Employer may require up to eight (8) days advance notice for requests to use one (1) to four (4) days of compensatory leave. Subject to the operating requirements of the unit, the Employer may require thirty (30) days advance notice for request of five (5) or more consecutive days off.

Section 2. Vacation Time. Employees shall be permitted to choose either a split or entire vacation. Subject to the operating requirements of the Agency, including the need to provide patient care, the employees shall have preference of vacation times. In case of conflict in scheduling, vacation times shall be selected on the basis of seniority. That is to say, the employee with the most seniority will be given first opportunity to secure the day(s) in conflict by exercising his/her seniority (assuming it is available to exercise). If the most senior decides not to do so, then the less senior employee will be given the same opportunity. In instances where neither employee chooses to exercise seniority to secure the day(s), a flip of the coin will be utilized to break the conflict. Each employee will be permitted to exercise his/her right or seniority only once in each two (2)-year period. The Agency shall use the following procedure for the selection of vacation time:

Vacation time off will be granted in quarterly blocks. Employees will be granted time off only for the next quarter. Exceptions granting leave requests for special events beyond the quarterly process will be considered by the supervisors and local union president. Where such an exception is granted, no employee may later use seniority to secure the vacation time.

Requests must be in writing and the deadline for submission each quarter is as follows:

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Requests submitted after the deadline will be considered on a time availability basis. In all instances of late submission, the employee shall forfeit his/her right to exercise seniority. The institution will grant or deny requests for vacation within eight (8) days of the request.

Employees may also use accrued compensatory time in conjunction with vacation time when scheduling vacations.

Any employee who has requested and/or received a change in assignment, i.e., days off, shift change or ward assignment and has previously approved vacation time off, must resubmit the request. Whenever possible, Management will try to accommodate previously approved leave.
**Section 3. Use of Accrued Time.** Accrued vacation and compensatory time for holidays and overtime worked will not be charged without specific authorization of the employee except:

A) As provided otherwise in this Agreement;
B) When an employee is laid off or terminated; and
C) After an employee has been on leave without pay for more than fifteen (15) days.

**Section 4.** Vacations that have been scheduled may not be canceled by the Institution except in the event of an emergency. When unrecoverable vacation deposits in excess of fifty dollars ($50.00) are incurred by an employee, the vacation shall not be canceled by the Institution. In the event of a schedule change caused by seniority or a transfer at the request of an employee, the provisions of this Section shall not apply.

**Section 5.** If schedule issues occur, the Director of Nursing Services has the authority to review the requests and will meet with the local Union president. Such review does not guarantee that the employee's request will be approved.

**Section 6. Trauma Recovery.** Nurses who have been directly involved in incidents of on-duty violence shall be approved, upon request, three (3) days of leave to assist in their recovery to be taken as sick leave, comp time off, other accrued leave or leave without pay. Prior notification requirements for leave requests will be waived.

**ARTICLE 46 - UTILIZATION OF BENEFIT TIME**

**Section 1.** The parties agree that an employee's vacation and compensatory time off is an earned benefit to which the employee is entitled. Therefore, the accrued time will not be utilized except by agreement between the Agency and the employee with the following exceptions:

A) Compensatory and vacation accrued but unused hours will be paid off upon termination, layoff other than temporary interruption of employment, military leave exceeding thirty (30) calendar days, educational leave exceeding thirty (30) calendar days and any other leave without pay exceeding fifteen (15) calendar days.

**Section 2.** Should an employee wish to take vacation within three (3) months of return from educational or military leave without pay, vacation leave without pay may be granted by the Agency if scheduling of work permits. The vacation period in this instance may not exceed fifteen (15) calendar days and any accrued vacation or compensatory time earned prior to the proposed leave date will be utilized first.

**ARTICLE 47 - VACATION AND SICK LEAVE CREDITS UPON TRANSFER**

**Section 1. Vacation.**

A) Upon transfer of an employee with six (6) full months of State service to a different State agency, the employee shall be paid in cash for vacation credit not used.

B) Upon transfer of an employee with less than six (6) full months of service to a different agency, all vacation credits accrued shall be transferred to the gaining agency.

**Section 2. Sick Time.** An employee shall have all of his/her accrued sick leave credits transferred when the employee is transferred to a different State agency.

**ARTICLE 48 - RESTORATION OF SICK LEAVE CREDIT**

Employees who have been separated from the State service and return to a position (except as a temporary employee) within two (2) years shall have unused sick leave credits accrued during previous employment restored.
ARTICLE 49 - EFFECT OF LEAVE WITHOUT PAY

Time spent on leave without pay in excess of fifteen (15) consecutive calendar days or leave without pay for the purposes of maternity leave in excess of ninety (90) consecutive calendar 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 a job incurred disability.

ARTICLE 50 - INSURANCE

Section 1.
An employer contribution will be made for each eligible employee who has at least eighty (80) paid regular hours in the month unless required by law.

Section 2.
The contribution for eligible participating part-time employees with eighty (80) or more hours paid time for the month the Employer shall contribute a prorated amount of the contribution for full-time employees unless otherwise required by law. This prorated contribution shall be prorated based on the ratio of paid regular hours to full-time hours to the nearest full percent.

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 4. 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 but no more than two (2) months earlier.

See LOA’s: PEBB Member Advisory Committee, Part Time Medical Subsidy, Kaiser Deductible, PMAC Education

ARTICLE 51 - 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 52 - HEALTH AND SAFETY

Section 1. The parties agree to abide by standards of health and safety in accordance with the Oregon Safe Employment Act (ORS 654.001 to 654.295 and 654.991).

Section 2. Employees and management personnel should both be aware of safety and health regulations and recognize that they have a mutual responsibility to assist in maintaining good health and safety practices, procedures and regulations. These shall include but not be limited to the following:
   A) Use of mechanical safeguards;
   B) Adherence to known safety work practices;
   C) Proper use of personal protective safety devices and wearing apparel;
   D) Adherence to provisions applicable under the Occupational Safety and Health Act.
   E) Management shall provide staff with adequate safety training opportunities to promote a safe work environment.

Section 3. All staff assisting in behavioral emergencies do so under the clinical direction of the Registered Nurse. Proper safety devices, apparel and equipment shall be provided by the Agency
for all employees engaged in work where such items are necessary to meet the requirements of the Workers’ Compensation Division. Such items, where provided, must be used.

**Section 4.** As soon as possible after initial appointment and annually thereafter, the Agency shall provide tuberculosis screening at no cost to the employee.

**Section 5.** If in the conduct of official duties an employee is exposed to serious communicable diseases which would require immunization against, testing for, or treatment of such communicable disease, this will be provided without cost to the employee.

**Section 6.** If an employee claims that an assigned job, or assigned equipment is unsafe and for that reason, refuses to do that job or use the equipment, the employee shall immediately contact the employee’s supervisor (or the Program Shift Supervisor). The supervisor or Program Shift Supervisor will come to the unit as soon as practicable to assess and problem solve with nursing personnel. The supervisor or Program Shift Supervisor will assist in resolving the situation. If the supervisor or PNS determines there is a safety issue, the supervisor or Program Shift Supervisor will submit documentation to the program DNS and CNO regarding his/her findings. Upon request, a copy of the report will be provide to the Local Executive board.

**Section 7.** Pending determination provided for in Section 6, the employee shall be given suitable work elsewhere. The Agency shall use its best efforts to schedule such work on the same days and shift as the employee was originally scheduled. If no suitable work is available the employee shall be sent home.

**Section 8.** Time lost by the employee as a result of any refusal to perform work on the grounds that it is unsafe or might unduly endanger his/her health shall not be paid by the Agency unless the employee's claim is upheld.

**Section 9.** All on-the-job accidents or exposure to serious communicable disease are to be reported to the Agency within twenty-four (24) hours of the occurrence on the appropriate Agency occupational injury report form. In the event of a claimed on-the-job accident or occupational disease that involves the care of a physician or lost time from work, the Agency agrees to assist employees with the preparation of the appropriate State Accident Insurance Fund claim form. An employee is expected to fill out this form within two (2) workdays of the physician's care or beginning of time loss.

**Section 10.** An employee who has sustained a compensable on-the-job injury shall be reinstated upon demand at the employee's choice to either his/her former employment or alternative employment within the employing Agency which the Agency has determined is available and suitable, provided that the employee is not disabled from performing the duties of such employment. Certification by a duly licensed physician of the employee's physical abilities and any limitation shall be prima facie evidence that the employee should be able to perform within the certified limits.

**Section 11.** Employee representatives on the Hospital Safety Committee shall be volunteers and elected by the bargaining unit.

**Section 12.** Nurses who believe there is a threat to the safety of patients or staff specific to nursing practice that has not been addressed through standard procedure or treatment plans shall report in writing this perception to the program DNS and CNO, with a copy to the Local Union President. Upon receipt of such a report, the CNO and Local Union President or designee shall discuss the matter.

**Section 13.** All employees represented by Local 3295 will, upon request, be allowed to wear a name badge with the first name (or variant of the first name) and first initial of the last name. This manner of identification will be used in all public documents.

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**ARTICLE 53 - STAFF DEVELOPMENT**

**Section 1. Orientation.**

A) Within the first month of employment, all newly hired employees, except temporary and limited duration employees, will be provided a general orientation. Such orientation shall include but not necessarily be limited to an explanation of the State's merit system,
compensation program, fringe benefits, insurance programs and performance evaluation  
program.

B) The Agency will also provide an appropriate orientation to acquaint new employees with  
nursing standards, policies, procedures and routines. The orientation will be carried out  
as soon as practical after employment and in accordance with a specific plan. The  
duration of the orientation shall continue at least at the present level.

C) When assigned to a patient care area, each nurse shall be provided additional orientation  
to prepare him/her to the area or assignment. Such orientation is to be in accordance with  
a specific plan designed for that patient care area. Such an overall plan may be modified  
for a specific nurse in accordance with the nurse's educational background and work  
experience.

D) Regular evaluation of the nurse's performance throughout orientation will occur to  
determine additional needs for the nurse.

E) At no time, in any period of orientation, shall the nurse being oriented be counted in the  
staffing complement of any unit.

F) During general Hospital orientation a Union representative will be allowed to explain the  
benefits of Union membership.

Section 2. Continuing Education.
A) The Agency will continue its practice of providing in-service education for all RN's, on all  
shifts, on a regular basis.

B) Training for employees may be conducted both during and outside an employee’s work  
schedule. Overtime rules shall apply where the employee’s attendance is required by the  
Agency, when training is not voluntary and the sessions involve time outside the  
employee’s works schedule.

C) Employees may be granted leaves of absence with pay to attend conferences, seminars,  
briefing sessions or other functions of a similar nature that are intended to improve or  
upgrade the individual’s skills or professional abilities or enhance the profession. Tuition  
and other expenses may also be provided. The tuition and other expenses provided by  
the Agency shall be reasonably related to the actual costs of the specific function. If  
granted, employees will not lose pay, nor will schedules be adjusted so that the conference  
falls on off days.

Section 3. If Registered Nurses wish to pursue higher education in nursing and are accepted by  
an education institution, the Hospital may facilitate the employee’s efforts by reimbursement of  
tuition and/or scheduling accommodations subject to budgetary constraints, directives and  
operating needs.

Section 4. Nurse Practitioner Education Leave. All Nurse Practitioners shall receive one- 
hundred (100) hours of paid leave biannually.

ARTICLE 54 - GRIEVANCE AND ARBITRATION

Section 1. The grievance/arbitration procedure provides the means by which disputes or  
problems between the parties which arise concerning the application, meaning or interpretation  
of this Agreement are to be resolved.

An alleged violation of the Agreement must be taken up at STEP 1 of the procedure within  
thirty (30) days from the time the employee had knowledge, or in the normal course of events  
should have had knowledge, of the occurrence which created the problem. Disciplinary actions  
must be grieved within the thirty (30) day period, except for suspension and discharge which must  
be grieved within ten (10) days as described in Article 56 (Discipline and Discharge).

Section 2.
• STEP 1. The employee or the Union on the employee’s behalf shall present his/her grievance,  
in writing on the “Official Grievance Form” or facsimile, to his/her immediate supervisor within  
the appropriate time limit. The written grievance statement shall include, to the best of the  
employee’s understanding:
A) The date the grievance occurred;
B) A description of the problem;
C) The contract provision alleged to be violated; and
D) The remedy sought.

The supervisor shall investigate the grievance and respond in writing within ten (10) days of the receipt of the grievance. If the response is unsatisfactory, the employee shall submit the written grievance and the response from the supervisor at STEP 1 to the Department Head at STEP 2. The grievance must be submitted within ten (10) days of the receipt of the response at STEP 1.

• **STEP 2.** The Department Head shall investigate the grievance and respond in writing within ten (10) days of receipt of the grievance. If the response from STEP 2 is unsatisfactory, the written grievance, unchanged, showing the response if any from STEP 1 and STEP 2 shall be submitted to the Agency Head. The grievance must be submitted within ten (10) days of the receipt of the response at STEP 2.

• **STEP 3.** The Agency Head or his/her designee shall investigate the grievance and respond in writing with ten (10) days of receipt of the grievance. If the response from STEP 3 is unsatisfactory, the written grievance, showing the responses if any from STEP 1, STEP 2, and STEP 3 shall be submitted to the Department of Administrative Services, Labor Relations Unit within ten (10) days of receipt of the response at STEP 3. 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.

• **STEP 4.** The Department of Administrative Services, Labor Relations Unit shall investigate the grievance and respond in writing within fifteen (15) days of receipt of the grievance. If the grievance is not satisfactorily resolved by the Labor Relations Unit, the Union, on behalf of the employee, may advise the Labor Relations Unit within ten (10) days of receipt of the Unit’s response that it wishes to arbitrate the grievance.

• **Arbitration.**

  A) Any grievance, having progressed through the Steps as outlined herein and remaining unresolved, may be submitted by the Union to arbitration. To be valid, a request for arbitration must be in writing and received by the Department of Administrative Services, Labor Relations Unit within fifteen (15) days of the receipt of the response from the Department of Administrative Services, Labor Relations Unit review process.

  If the grievance is to be submitted to arbitration, a pre-arbitration meeting will be held between the parties in an attempt to formulate a submission agreement to be forwarded to the arbitrator.

  B) Selection of the Arbitrator. In the event that arbitration becomes necessary, the Union and the Employer will request a list of no less than five (5) qualified arbitrators from the Employment Relations Board. The Union and the Employer will select an arbitrator by alternately striking names, with the moving party striking first, one (1) name at a time until only one (1) name remains on the list. The remaining name shall be the arbitrator for the grievance.

  C) 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.

  D) 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 time for which payment is to be made.

**Section 3.** The Union has the right to represent the employee at any step in the grievance procedure, or if the employee chooses to represent himself/herself, the Union has the right to be present at any meetings or hearings, to receive copies of the grievance, to receive copies of the
responses from each step in the grievance procedure, to advise the Agency/Employer that it believes a settlement was a violation of the Agreement. A union grievance of this nature shall be filed at STEP 3. The provisions of this Section shall not diminish the statutory rights granted the Exclusive Representative in ORS 243.666.

**Section 4.** Time limits specified in this procedure must be observed unless extended by mutual agreement of the parties in writing.

**Section 5.** At STEP 1, the parties understand that the grievant will explain the grievance and indicate the contract provision(s) violated to the best of his/her understanding. However, beginning at STEP 2, the parties agree that the description of the problem will be complete and that the contract provision(s) alleged to be violated will be specifically identified.

**Section 6.** The parties agree to use the “Official Grievance Form” or facsimile for the processing of grievances and that beginning at STEP 2, it shall be complete with all information required on the form at that step.

**Section 7.** The parties shall meet and discuss a grievance at STEP 2 and 3 of the grievance procedure unless such meetings are mutually waived. Other meetings may be held by mutual agreement.

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**ARTICLE 55 - DISCIPLINE AND DISCHARGE**

**Section 1.** The principles of progressive discipline shall apply to disciplinary actions except when the Agency must take a more immediate action. A regular status FLSA-non-exempt employee may be suspended, reduced in pay, demoted, or dismissed only for just cause. A regular status FLSA-exempt employee may be suspended consistent with the salary status requirements of the FLSA, demoted, or dismissed only for just cause.

**Section 2.** Employees who have completed their initial trial service shall not be subject to suspension and/or discharge except for just cause.

**Section 3.** The Employer is committed to taking appropriate measures in creating and maintaining a professional workplace that is respectful, professional and free from inappropriate behavior pursuant to Agency policy or the Statewide Maintaining a Professional Workplace Policy (#50-010-03).

**Section 4.** A written pre-dismissal notice shall be given to employees who have served their initial trial service period and 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 Agency or his/her designee at a place, time and date set forth in the notice which date shall not be less than seven (7) calendar days from the date the notice is received. The employee shall be permitted to have an official representative present. At the discretion of the Agency, the employee may be suspended with or without pay, consistent with the salary status requirements of the FLSA, or be allowed to continue to work, as specified in the pre-dismissal notice.

**Section 5.** Any unauthorized absence of an employee from duty shall be deemed to be an absence without pay and may be grounds for disciplinary action. Any employee who absents himself/herself for five (5) consecutive work days without authorized leave shall be deemed to have resigned. Such absence may be authorized by the Agency by a subsequent approval of leave with or without pay consistent with the salary status requirements of the FLSA, when extenuating circumstances are found to have existed.

**Section 6.** An employee suspended or dismissed under the provision of this Article must submit a grievance in writing to the Superintendent or designee within ten (10) days of the date a notice of the action is delivered in person to the employee or fourteen (14) days of the date the notice is placed in U.S. certified mail to the most recent address of record. Concurrently, a notice will be mailed to the Union.

No employee shall be subject to disciplinary action or separation for:

A) Disclosure, not prohibited by law, of violation of laws, rules, other improper actions or inefficiency of superior officers or fellow employees.
B) Adherence to the Nurse Practice Act (ORS 678.301 - 678.410).
C) Adherence to the Oregon Administrative Rules Chapter 851 established by the Board of Nursing pursuant to the Nurse Practice Act.

Section 7.
A) 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.
B) Upon request, an employee and the employee’s representative may view any video recording that is used as evidence in any disciplinary action taken against an employee.

ARTICLE 56 - RECOUPEMENT OF WAGE AND BENEFIT OVERPAYMENTS AND UNDERPAYMENTS

Section 1. Overpayments.
A) 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.
B) 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.
C) 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 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 specified elsewhere in this Agreement.

**ARTICLE 57 - ABUSE/NEGLECT INVESTIGATIONS**

**Section 1.**
A) The employee shall be informed in writing of the charges against him/her before the employee is required to respond to questions concerning the complaint or charges.
B) Management shall attempt to schedule interviews as close to the employee’s regular shift as possible. Off-duty staff may be mandated and/or called back to work to be interviewed. Employees are required to participate in initial and follow-up interviews.
C) Employees shall be notified in writing of the results of the investigation.

**Section 2. Alternative Assignments.** Nurses removed from their usual stations for the duration of the investigation shall be assigned other duties.

**ARTICLE 58 - COMPLETE AGREEMENT**

This contract incorporates the sole and complete Agreement between the Employer and the Union. It is acknowledged that during negotiations which resulted in the Agreement, each and all had the unlimited right and opportunity to make demands and proposals with respect to any subject or matter appropriate for collective bargaining and that the understandings and agreements arrived at by the parties after the exercise of that right and opportunity are set forth in this Agreement. The Agreement shall not be modified in whole or in part except by another written instrument duly executed by the parties.

**ARTICLE 59 - 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.

**Section 2.** The Fair Share provision of this Agreement shall become effective the month of signing, unless the payroll cutoff date for that month has already passed, in which event it will be effective the month following signing.

**Section 3.** If either the State or the Union desires to extend, renegotiate, or modify this Agreement, the moving party shall notify the other party in writing during the period of November 1, 2016 through January 1, 2017.

**ARTICLE 60 - TEMPORARY INTERRUPTION OF EMPLOYMENT**

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 61 - 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 Public Employees Benefits Board is allowed by law and pertinent rules of eligibility. Pursuant to Article 37, 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 36, Filling of Positions, this Article shall prevail.

C) An employee may exercise all applicable rights under Article 37, 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 62 – 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.

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LETTER OF AGREEMENT – ARTICLE 13 – Overtime

This Letter of Agreement is entered into between AFSCME Council 75 and the State of Oregon by and through the Labor Relations Unit of the Department of Administrative Services on behalf of the Oregon State Hospital.

1. **Purpose:** This Letter of Agreement is intended to clarify the assignments of registered nurses working in an overtime capacity.

2. **Mandatory Overtime (including voluntary mandate):** Employees will stipulate their preference of staying on their regular unit or floating to cover the unit in need.

3. **Voluntary Overtime:** Employees working voluntary overtime will not displace regularly assigned employees on their units and/or shifts.

4. This Letter of Agreement is subject to the following exceptions:
   a. When all efforts to procure overtime have been exhausted, management retains the right to re-assign employees as operationally necessary or;
   b. When compliance would create a statutory violation or unsafe work environment; or
   c. A national or state emergency or circumstances requiring implementation of a facility disaster plan occur.

5. This Letter of Agreement will expire on June 30, 2017.
LETTER OF AGREEMENT - ARTICLE 20, Harbors Building Safety Pilot – Collaborative Problem Solving (CPS)

This Letter of Agreement is entered into between AFSCME Council 75 (Union) and the State of Oregon by and through the Labor Relations Unit (LRU) of the Department of Administrative Services on behalf of the Oregon State Hospital.

1. **Purpose:** This Letter of Agreement is intended to improve safety of both staff and patients in the Harbors Building of the Oregon State Hospital by promoting a Collaborative Problem Solving treatment modality.

2. **Eligibility:**
   a. Must be assigned to work on a CPS designated unit at the Harbors Building of the Oregon State Hospital designated as a CPS unit and employed in the classifications of Mental Health Registered Nurse and Nurse Practitioners assigned the role of Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner;
   b. Must have successfully completed the Collaborative Problem Solving (CPS) Tier 1 Training course, and;
   c. Must have demonstrated CPS competency skills as verified by the competency verification process, and;
   d. Must demonstrate annual competency.

3. **Amount:** A differential of two and five tenths percent (2.5%) of base salary shall be paid to eligible employees for all hours actually worked in CPS designated units housed within the Harbors Building.

4. **Training:** Employees currently assigned to a CPS designated unit in the Harbors Building who work day shift or afternoon shift may be given preference to attend Tier 1 and Tier 2 CPS training. Management has the right to determine the number of employees who need CPS training on each unit and shift. Upon determining the number of employees needed on any given shift, the most senior employees assigned to that unit and shift will be offered the first (1st) opportunity to attend Tier 1 CPS training.

5. **Unit Designation:** Management reserves the right to designate any unit at CPS designated. Only employees working on CPS designated units located within the Harbors Building of Oregon State Hospital are eligible for this differential. An employee who is not regularly assigned to work on a CPS designated Harbors Building unit, but who is floated, mandated, or volunteer to work overtime to work on a CPS designated unit will receive the differential for hours actually worked on the CPS designated unit if they have completed the requirements referenced in Section 2 (b) and (c) of this Letter of Agreement.

6. **Defining Competencies:** A committee shall be formed for the purpose of identifying appropriate competencies and the corresponding demonstration of such competencies. The committee will consist of two (2) Union designees, and two (2) management designees. All designees must have received CPS Training and be employed in a capacity that utilizes the competencies. The committee will incorporate the advice and counsel of the CPS Consultant/Trainer.

7. **Implementation:** Employees meeting the criteria above who are assigned to Lighthouse 1, 2 and Anchors 2, are eligible for the differential effective October 1, 2015.

8. The Parties will meet and review the impact of this Letter of Agreement no later than June 1, 2016. Outcome indicators including, but not limited to: reduction of staffing 1:1’s and 2:1’s; restraint/seclusion reduction; and staff/patient incidents. Recommendations, if any will be submitted to Oregon State Hospital leadership no later than June 30, 2016.

LETTER OF AGREEMENT – ARTICLE 27 - Review of Classification Series and Compensation Plan

This Agreement is executed by AFSCME Council 75 on behalf of the Oregon State Hospital R.N.’s Unit (Union) and the State of Oregon, acting through the Department of Administrative Services, Labor Relations Unit (DAS/LRU) on behalf of the Oregon Health Authority (Agency). The Parties agree to implement the following:

1. The Agency will initiate and complete in conjunction with DAS Classification and Compensation, a full salary review of all registered nurse classifications within the bargaining unit.

2. Management will present the results of the review to the Union no later than November 20, 2016.

3. The Agency will initiate and complete in conjunction with DAS Classification and Compensation, a full salary and classification review of the Nurse Practitioner classification within the bargaining Unit.

4. Management will present the results of the review to the Union no later than March 30, 2017.
LETTER OF AGREEMENT – ARTICLE 50, 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 50, Part-Time Employees 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 50, 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.
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 - Article 61, 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 61, 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 – Commuting Alternative

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.
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.
Signed this 2 day of September 2015, at Salem, Oregon.

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