COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT

between
DAS
THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

on behalf of the
OREGON STATE DEPARTMENT OF POLICE
OFFICE OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL

and

AFSCME
LOCAL 3765 / COUNCIL 75,
AMERICAN FEDERATION OF STATE, COUNTY,
AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES (AFL-CIO)

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ARTICLE 1 - RECOGNITION

Section 1.
This Agreement is made and entered into by and between the State of Oregon (hereinafter the "Employer"), acting by and through its Department of Administrative Services on behalf of the Oregon State Department of Police (hereinafter the “Department,” "Agency" or "OSP") and the Office of the State Fire Marshal (hereinafter the "OSFM"), and the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, Council 75 (hereinafter the "Union").

Section 2.
The Employer and the Agency recognize the Union as the sole and exclusive bargaining agent for: All classified employees of the Office of the State Fire Marshal, excluding managerial, supervisory, confidential, temporary, and part-time employees working less than thirty-two (32) hours per month.

This Agreement binds the Union, its members and any person designated by it to act on behalf of the Union. Likewise, this Agreement binds the Employer and the Agency and any person designated by it to act on its behalf.

Section 3.
The Employer will make changes regarding mandatory subjects of bargaining only after compliance with any bargaining obligations under ORS Chapter 243. Alleged violations of this Article shall not be grievable but shall be addressed exclusively by unfair labor practice complaints under ORS 243.672(1)(e). The Union agrees any unfair labor practice complaint will be filed no later than ninety (90) days after the alleged unilateral change.

Section 4.
Nothing in this Section is intended to inhibit the Employer from issuing directives and/or statements which interpret or effectuate a contractual obligation; however, a copy of such statements or directives shall be sent to the Union on or before the date of issue.

ARTICLE 2 - MANAGEMENT’S RIGHTS

Section 1.
The Agency and OSFM retains all rights customarily attributed to the management and operation of the Department and OSFM unless otherwise specifically abridged by the provision of this Agreement.

Section 2.
These rights include but are not limited to the following: the right to operate and manage OSFM; to maintain order and efficiency; to direct employees and to determine job assignments and working schedules; to determine the method, means, standards, and personnel to be used; to implement improved operational methods and procedures; to determine staffing requirements; to determine whether the whole or the part of the operation shall continue to operate; to recruit, examine, select, and hire employees; to promote, transfer, assign, and reassign employees; to suspend, discharge, or take other
proper disciplinary action against employees; to lay off employees; to recall employees; to require overtime work of employees; and to promulgate rules, regulations, and policies, provided such rights shall not be exercised so as to violate any of the specific provisions of this Agreement.

**ARTICLE 3 - UNION RIGHTS, SECURITY, AND STEWARDS**

**Section 1. Notice of Representatives.**
The Union will provide a written list, which will be kept current, to the Agency/OSFM and the Department of Administrative Services of its representatives from Council 75 who will be "Union Representatives."

**Section 2. Union Representative Visits.**
After advance notice to the State Fire Marshal or designee and Agency Human Resources of the intent of the Union Representative to be present on the worksite and the reason(s), the Agency will allow a Union Representative(s) reasonable access to the worksite during the work day. Such visits will not interfere with the normal flow of work.

**Section 3. Union Business.**
Employees shall conduct the internal business of the Union during their nonduty hours.

**Section 4. Building Use.**
Upon request to the State Fire Marshal or designee and Agency Human Resources, the OSFM may allow the Union use of OSFM facilities during nonduty hours for meetings when such facilities are available. Such meetings will not interfere with the business of the OSFM.

**Section 5. Bulletin Boards.**
The Agency shall provide bulletin board space for the use of the Union to communicate meetings and other official Union business.

**Section 6. Union Notices to Employees.**
The Agency shall furnish each new employee with a written notice, provided by the Union, that the Union is the certified collective bargaining representative and of the employee's obligation for declaration of dues or payment in lieu of dues (fair share) deduction. The Agency shall provide the name of new hires and work locations to the Union within thirty (30) days of hire. The Local President or their designee will be provided thirty (30) minutes of duty time to meet with each new employee during the scheduled new employee orientation or at another time as close as possible to the new employee's start date if a formal orientation is not scheduled by the Agency.

**Section 7. Payroll Deductions.**
A. The Employer agrees to deduct the monthly fees from the pay of those employees the Union has certified in writing to the Employer as having authorized in writing such deductions be made from their paychecks. This deduction shall begin on the first (1st) payroll period following the Union's written notice to the Employer that such authorization start and shall continue from month to month until notified by the Union, pursuant to the membership card.
B. The Union agrees that it will indemnify, defend and save the Employer and Department/Agency harmless from all suits, actions, proceedings and claims against the Employer and the Department/Agency or person(s) acting on their behalf of the Employer and the Department/Agency whether the damage, compensation, reinstatement, or combination thereof arising out of the Department/Agency implementation of this Article. This provision does not limit, waive, or in any way impact the State’s liability to AFSCME if the State fails to withhold and remit lawful dues to AFSCME as obligated under the Agreement.

Section 8. Employer Held Harmless.
The Union agrees that it will indemnify, defend and save the Employer and the Agency harmless from all suits, actions, proceedings, and claims against the Employer and the Agency or person(s) acting on behalf of the Employer and the Agency whether for damage, compensation, reinstatement, or combination thereof arising out the Agency's implementation of this Article.

Section 9. Shop Steward.
A. Six (6) Shop Stewards shall be allowed access to all represented Division employees. Such Stewards shall be selected from and represent employees. The Union shall immediately notify the State Fire Marshal, the Agency Labor Relations Unit, and the Department of Administrative Services Labor Relations Unit of the names of Shop Stewards and their designated representation area. The Union shall update the list as necessary.

B. Union Stewards, President and Vice President will be granted mutually agreed upon time off during regularly scheduled working hours to investigate and process grievances upon notice to their immediate supervisor. If the permitted activities would interfere with the work the Steward or employee is expected to perform, the immediate supervisor shall, within the next work day, arrange a mutually satisfactory time for the requested activity.

Union Stewards, President and Vice President will receive their regular rate of pay for time spent processing grievances and representing bargaining unit employees during their regularly scheduled hours of employment. However, only one (1) Union representative will be in pay status for any one (1) grievance except where a grievance involves employees in more than one (1) work section. Supervisors may request that Stewards, President and Vice President maintain and submit a monthly activity report of work time spent investigating and processing grievances.

The Employer is not responsible for any compensation of employees or their representative for time spent processing grievances or distributing Union material outside their regularly scheduled hours of employment. The Employer is not responsible for any travel or subsistence expenses incurred by a grievant or Union Steward, President and Vice President in the processing of grievances. Grievance meetings between Union and Management shall be held in the central office in Salem.
C. The Agency/OSFM agrees there shall be no reprisal, coercion, intimidation or discrimination against any Shop Steward or member of the Union for the conduct of the functions described in this Article.

D. At the Union's request and subject to the operating requirements of the OSFM, personnel selected as Shop Stewards for the Union shall be granted personal leave, accrued vacation leave, accrued compensatory time, or leave of absence without pay to attend the Union's Shop Steward training session.

Section 10.
The Agency/OSFM agrees to attendance by the President or their designee of the Local Union without loss of regular pay at meetings where their presence is required by the Agency/OSFM.

Before such time may be taken, the President or designee shall give notice to their supervisors. If the permitted activities would interfere with the President’s or designee’s duties, the direct supervisor shall, within the next working day, arrange a mutually satisfactory time for the requested activity.

Section 11. 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 their 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 their 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 their position for a period of time up to three (3) months for the performance of Union duties related to the collective bargaining relationship. Only one (1) employee from a bargaining unit and a total of four (4) employees from all Central Table participating bargaining units may be on such leave at any one (1) 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 12.
Union officers or Union stewards will be allowed to send Union meeting notices through the Agency’s e-mail system, which will be limited to approximately one page and will not include attachments. Interactive use limited to clarifications regarding the meeting notices is allowed, however, recipients of group e-mails shall not use the “reply all” function. Use of the Agency’s e-mail system shall be on non-work time.

Section 13. Names of Retirees.
The Employer will send a monthly report to the Union of the names of individuals that have retired the previous month. For purposes of this Agreement, a retiree shall be defined as a person who has given the Agency written notice that they are separating from State service by retirement and that person has actually separated from State service.

Section 14. Reports.
Reports, policies, notices and/or copies of documents referenced in this Section may be provided electronically.
A. 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.

B. 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.

C. 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.

D. Upon written request by the Union, the Agency shall provide a copy of its written personnel policies to the Union. A current version of personnel policies shall be accessible to employees. Management will notify employees and the Union of personnel policy revisions/changes.

Section 15. Intermittent Union Leave.
When Union officials (officers and stewards) are designated in writing by the Executive Director of Oregon AFSCME to attend AFSCME Council 75 Biennial or AFSCME International Conventions, the following provisions apply.
A. The Executive Director of Oregon AFSCME shall notify affected agencies in writing of the name of the employee(s) at least thirty (30) days in advance of the date of the AFSCME Convention. For agencies of 100 or fewer bargaining unit members, no more than one bargaining unit member per
agency may be designated to attend AFSCME conventions. For agencies of greater than 100 bargaining unit members, no more than two bargaining unit members may be designated to attend AFSCME conventions under this provision.

B. Subject to agency head or designee approval based on the operating needs of the employee’s work unit, including staff availability, the employee will be authorized release time with pay.

C. The paid release time is limited to attendance at the conference and travel time to the conference if such time occurs during the employee’s regularly scheduled working hours up to forty (40) hours per calendar year.

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

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

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

G. The Union shall, within thirty (30) days of payment to the employee, reimburse the State’s affected agency for all Employer related costs associated with the release time, regular base wage and benefits, for attendance at the applicable conference.

H. The Union shall indemnify and the Union and employee shall hold the State harmless against any and all claims, damages, suits, or other forms of liability which may arise out of any action taken or not taken by the State for the purpose of complying with these provisions.

ARTICLE 4 - ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

Section 1. Laws, Regulations and Savings.
This Agreement is subject to all applicable existing and future State and federal laws and regulations.

In the event any provision of this Agreement is declared invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction or by ruling of the Employment Relations Board, then only such portion or portions shall become null and void and the balance of the Agreement remain in effect. The Employer and the Union agree to meet, negotiate, and agree upon a substitute for the portion or portions of the Agreement so affected and to bring into conformance therewith not over sixty (60) days after notification unless extended by mutual agreement.

Section 2. Legislative Action.
A. Provisions of this Agreement not requiring legislative funding or statutory changes before they can be put into effect shall be implemented on the date of signing this Agreement or the date otherwise specified in this Agreement.
B. Monetary provisions of this Agreement are not valid unless approved by the Legislature. Monetary provisions shall be promptly submitted to the Emergency Board by the Department of Administrative Services and both parties shall jointly recommend passage.

Section 3. Strikes, Lockouts and Picket Lines.
The Union agrees that during the life of this Agreement, the Union or its bargaining unit members will not authorize, instigate, aid or engage in any work stoppage, slowdown, sickout, refusal to work, picketing or strike against the Employer and/or the Agency, its goods, property or on its property.

The Agency agrees that during the life of this Agreement there will be no lockout.

Upon notification confirmed in writing by the Employer to the Union that certain bargaining unit members covered by this Agreement are engaging in strike activity in violation of this Article, the Union shall advise such striking employees in writing, with a copy to the Department of Administrative Services, to return to work immediately. Such notification by the Union shall not constitute an admission that it has caused or counseled such strike activity.

Section 4.
This labor Agreement contains the full and complete agreement on all subjects upon which the parties did bargain or could have bargained pursuant to ORS 243 et. seq. Neither party shall be required, during the term of this Agreement, to negotiate or bargain upon any other issue. All matters not included in this Agreement shall be deemed to have been raised and disposed of as if covered herein.

Section 5. Term of the Agreement.
A. Unless otherwise noted in a specific article in the Agreement, this Agreement becomes effective on the date of ratification at the local table and expires June 30, 2023. The Union shall send a letter informing the Department of Administrative Services Labor Relations and the affected Agency of the specific ratification date of the tentative agreement. If the Union does not send the letter identifying the date of the ratification vote, the Employer will use the effective date of the agreement as being the first of the month following the date of signature.

B. Either party may open negotiations for a successor agreement by giving written notice to the other party between the dates of December 1, 2022 and December 31, 2022. Negotiations for a successor agreement will start between February 15, 2023 and March 15, 2023.

Section 6. Successor Negotiations.
A. It is recognized by the Employer that employees representing the Union during the process of negotiations are acting on behalf of the Union as members and not in their capacity as employees of the Employer.

B. The Employer agrees to release up to five (5) employees with pay for actual negotiating time, including caucus, during sessions when such time occurs during the employees’ normal work schedule and hours of work. Release time will be
paid time, unless the Agency notifies the Union by December 1 that a budget deficit exists that makes paid time not feasible. In that circumstance, the Parties agree that the matter of paid or unpaid time for negotiations shall be discussed as a part of the groundrules for the successor negotiations.

ARTICLE 5 - PERSONNEL RECORDS

Section 1.
The Chief Human Resources Office human resource information system is the system of record for all employee records and official employee Personnel File electronic and paper documents for which there are appropriate document categories in the system.

The department, or agency under agreement to provide human resource services, stores paper documents of the official employee Personnel File and paper documents that are not yet able to be kept in the human resource information system. The department, or agency under agreement to provide human resource services, also stores paper documents of the official employee Personnel File that predate January 1, 2019.

Section 2.
An employee may, upon request, inspect and obtain a copy of digital or paper documents of their official employee Personnel File, paper documents that are not yet able to be kept in the human resource information system and paper documents of the official employee Personnel File that predate January 1, 2019. No grievance shall be kept in the Personnel Files after the grievance has been resolved except the resolution.

Section 3.
No information reflecting critically upon an employee shall be placed in the employee's Personnel File that does not bear the signature of the employee. The employee shall be required to sign such material to be placed in the employee's 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 an employee is not available within a reasonable period of time to sign the material or the employee refuses to sign the material, the Department may place the material in the file provided a statement has been signed by two (2) management representatives that a copy of the document was mailed to the employee at the employee's address of record. A copy will also be mailed to the Union.

Section 4.
If the employee believes that any of the above material is incorrect or a misrepresentation of facts, the employee shall be entitled to prepare in writing an explanation or opinion regarding the prepared material. This shall be attached to the disputed material included as part of the personnel record until the material is removed.
Section 5.
An employee may include in the Personnel File copies of any relevant material the employee wishes, such as letters of favorable comment, licenses, certificates, college course credits or any other material which reflects credibly on the employee. The employee’s supervisor/manager will ensure the documents are submitted into the employee’s official Personnel File in the human resource information system.

Section 6.
At the employee's request, record of disciplinary actions shall be removed two (2) years after the effective date of the action provided no incident of a similar nature has been documented in the intervening time. The employee will be sent the requested document within five (5) work days from the receipt of request. Any period of leave of absence without pay that is more than fifteen (15) days shall extend the retention period for that duration of leave.

Section 7. Supervisory/Managerial Working Files.
A) An employee's supervisor/manager may maintain a Working (non human resource information system) File kept in accordance with Agency practice.

B) Within five (5) business days from the date of an employee request, an employee will be able to inspect their supervisor's Working Files in the presence of their supervisor. Employees will not remove any material from the File. If the File cannot be made available because of the supervisor’s absence, extensions of up to ten (10) business days will be granted.

C) Upon request, the employee shall be given a copy of documents in the Working File.

D) An employee may submit a written statement to be attached to any document in the File and such statement will remain attached as part of the Working File so long as the document remains in the File.

E) Documents of an adverse nature will be removed from the File no later than eighteen (18) months from the date of the document so long as no reoccurrence of a similar nature has taken place in the intervening period. An employee may request early removal of any adverse document in the File. Such document(s) shall be removed upon mutual agreement between the supervisor and employee.

F) Any information in a Working File that is past the retention schedule shall not be used in a disciplinary action so long as no reoccurrence of a similar nature has taken place in the intervening period.

Section 8.
Personnel Files and Working Files shall not be accessible by state employees beyond the immediate supervisor, the Agency Human Resource Director, human resource staff, the subject employee, employees with a work related business need as authorized by the Agency Human Resource Director, and anyone specifically authorized in writing by the subject employee.

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ARTICLE 6 - DISCIPLINE, DISCHARGE, AND GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

Section 1.
Grievances are defined as acts, omissions, applications or interpretation alleged to be violations of the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

Section 2.
It is the intent of the Agency, OSFM and the Union to resolve employee grievances by informal methods if possible. However, such informal methods do not supersede the timeline requirement outlined in this Article except by mutual agreement pursuant to Section 11. If the Union desires a formal resolution of any grievance as defined in Section 1 (except complaints of unlawful discrimination), such grievance shall be processed as provided under Section 3 Step 1 of this Article.

Section 3. Grievance Steps.

STEP 1. Informal. Any affected employee may file a grievance with their immediate supervisor within thirty (30) calendar days of the date that the employee knew or should have known of the alleged violation(s).

This step shall be voluntary. At the employee, or the Union's discretion, the grievance may be initially filed at STEP 2.

The grievance shall be in writing and shall include: (a) a statement of the grievance and the relevant facts sufficient to process the grievance; (b) the specific provision or provisions of the Agreement alleged to be violated; and (c) the remedy sought.

Prior to the supervisor's response, the supervisor shall informally meet with the grievant and shall respond in writing to the grievance within fifteen (15) calendar days to the employee, with a copy to the Union. All informal grievance settlements are nonprecedential and shall not be cited by either party or their agents or members in any arbitration or factfinding proceedings now or in the future.

Informal grievance settlements shall be reduced to writing and signed by the grievant and first line supervisor, who shall send a copy when signed to the State Fire Marshal, AFSCME headquarters and Labor Relations Units of DAS and the Agency. The settlement shall include the statement:

"Informal grievance settlements are nonprecedential and may not be cited by either party or their agents or members in any arbitration or factfinding proceedings now or in the future."

Actions taken pursuant to informal settlement agreements shall not be contrary to Collective Bargaining Agreement or ORS Chapter 243 and shall not give rise to any bargaining or other consequential obligations.

STEP 2. If the grievance remains unresolved regardless of whether a grievance was filed at Step 1, the Union may file an official grievance on its official grievance form in writing to the State Fire Marshal with a copy to Human Resources within thirty (30) calendar days after the date that the employee knew or should have known of the
alleged violation(s). The grievance shall include: (a) a statement of the grievance and the relevant facts sufficient to process the grievance; (b) the specific provision or provisions of the Agreement alleged to be violated; and (c) the remedy sought. Once the grievance has been filed at STEP 2, it cannot be expanded. The State Fire Marshal or their designee shall respond in writing within thirty (30) calendar days after receipt of the grievance.

**STEP 3.** If the grievance remains unresolved at STEP 2, the Union may file the grievance in writing with the Superintendent or designee, within thirty (30) calendar days following the date the response at STEP 2 was due or received. The Superintendent or designee shall respond within thirty (30) calendar days following receipt of the appeal.

**STEP 4.** If the grievance remains unresolved at STEP 3, the Union may file the grievance in writing with the Department of Administrative Services, Labor Relations Unit, within thirty (30) calendar days following date the response at STEP 3 was due or received. The Department of Administrative Services shall respond within thirty (30) calendar days following receipt of this STEP 4 appeal to the Department of Administrative Services. 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@das.oregon.gov.

In the event the response from the Department of Administrative Services is acceptable to the Union, such response shall have the same force and effect as a decision or award of an arbitrator, and shall be final and binding on all parties and they will abide thereby.

**STEP 5.** If the grievance is unresolved following Department of Administrative Services review, the Union may submit in writing the grievance to arbitration. To be valid, a request for arbitration must made within thirty (30) calendar days after the STEP 4 response was due or received.

**Section 4. Selection of the Arbitrator.**
The Union request for arbitration will be made through the process established by the Employment Relations Board, or successor Agency. The Union will provide State-Arb-Notice@das.oregon.gov as the Employer contact email, and will request a list of the names of five (5) Oregon or Washington arbitrators from the Employment Relations Board. The parties will select an arbitrator by alternately striking one (1) name from the list, with the moving party striking first until only one (1) name remains on the list. The name remaining on the list shall serve as the arbitrator. The arbitrator will provide available dates to both parties. The parties shall select a mutually agreeable date and shall inform the arbitrator.

**Section 5. Arbitrator’s Authority.**
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, change, or modify any of the terms of this Agreement, to change an existing wage rate or establish a new wage rate. The arbitrator shall have the power
to return a grievant to employee status, with or without back pay, or to mitigate the penalty as equity suggests under the facts.

**Section 6. Expenses of Arbitration.**
Arbitrator 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 divided as in the arbitrator's judgment is equitable. All other expenses shall be borne exclusively by the party requiring the service or item for which payment is to be made.

**Section 7. Mediation.**
Subsequent to a valid arbitration request and prior to the selection of an arbitrator, either the Department of Administrative Services or the Union may request mediation of the grievance. If agreed to by both parties, mediation will be scheduled and conducted by the Conciliation Service Division of the Employment Relations Board. Mediation is not a mandatory step of the grievance procedure.

**Section 8. Discipline and Discharge.**
A. Progressive discipline shall be used when appropriate. No employee who has completed the initial trial service period shall be disciplined or dismissed without just cause.

B. An employee reduced in pay, demoted, or suspended shall receive written notice of the discipline and of the specific charges supporting the discipline. An FLSA-exempt employee demoted or suspended for safety violations consistent with the salary basis requirement of the FLSA shall receive written notice of the discipline and of the specific charges supporting the discipline. The reduction, demotion or suspension of a regular status employee may be appealed directly to STEP 2 of the Grievance Procedure and must be within fifteen (15) calendar days from the effective date of the action.

C. Where discharge may be contemplated, a written predismissal notice shall be given to a regular status employee against whom a charge is presented. Such notice shall include the known complaints, facts and charges, and a statement that the employee may be discharged. The employee shall be afforded an opportunity to refute such charges or present mitigating circumstances to the OSFM at a 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 a Union Representative present. At the discretion of the OSFM, the employee may be suspended with or without pay, reassigned, or be allowed to continue their work as specified within the predismissal notice. Should an employee be suspended without pay, the employee will first be afforded notice and right to present mitigating circumstances to the Appointing Authority or designee.

D. Discharge of a regular status employee may be appealed by the Union directly to STEP 3. The appeal must state the reason for the appeal with sufficient specifics to process the grievance and must be submitted in writing to the Director or designee with fifteen (15) calendar days from the effective date of the discharge.
E. If the grievance is not resolved at the Director level, the Union file for arbitration within thirty (30) calendar days following the date the STEP 3 response was due or received, whichever occurs first. The appeal must state the reason for the appeal with sufficient specifics to process the grievance and must be submitted in writing to the Department of Administrative Services Labor Relations Unit.

Section 9.
Employees are entitled to representation by a Union Representative at any Step in this Article outside of STEP 1. This representation includes a fifteen (15) minute consultation before and after the meeting.

Section 10.
Once a bargaining unit member files a grievance outside of STEP 1, the employee shall not be required to discuss the subject matter of the grievance without the presence of the Union Representative or Shop Steward.

Section 11.
Time limits may be extended by agreement of the parties. Such extensions must be in writing and shall become part of the grievance record.

Section 12.
Failure of the aggrieved party or Union to comply with the time limits outlined above shall constitute abandonment of the grievance and it cannot be resubmitted.

Section 13.
If an OSFM manager has reason to discipline an employee it shall not be done in front of other employees or the public.

Section 14.
Upon employee approval, notices of predismissal, suspension, reduction, demotion and dismissal shall be forwarded to the Union on the same day as the employee is notified.

Section 15.
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.

Section 16. Expedited Grievance Arbitration.
A. Upon mutual agreement, the Employer and Union may agree to use the expedited arbitration process contained in this subsection for grievances that are timely and properly filed and subject to arbitration as provided for in this agreement. The parties will use language from this section of the article in the selection of the arbitrator, payment and all other conditions that apply to the hiring of an arbitrator as stated below.

B. The parties shall select an arbitrator by requesting the Employment Relations Board for a list of seven (7) qualified arbitrators who have offices in Oregon and
Washington and agree to work under the rules set forth in this subsection. The order of striking shall be determined by a coin flip. Each party shall have the right to alternately strike a total of three (3) names from the list with the remaining name on the list being the selected arbitrator.

C. The cost of the arbitration shall be borne by the losing party as stipulated by the arbitrator.

D. The use of the expedited arbitration process shall be determined at the time the parties schedule dates with the arbitrator.

E. The parties shall develop a stipulation of facts and affidavits and other time saving methods whenever possible and when mutually agreed upon.

F. Case presentation will be limited to opening statements, brief recitation of facts, witness presentation and closing oral arguments. No post hearing briefs shall be filed and no court reporter transcripts shall be made. However, nothing prevents either party from keeping their own notes. The hearing will be completed within one (1) business day unless otherwise agreed upon by the parties.

G. The hearing shall be conducted by the arbitrator in whatever manner will most expeditiously permit full presentation of the evidence and arguments of the parties.

H. At their discretion, the arbitrator may issue a bench decision at the conclusion of the hearing or may issue a written award no later than seven (7) calendar days from the close of hearing excluding weekends and holidays. The arbitrator’s award shall be based on the record and shall include a brief explanation of the basis for the award.

I. The award shall be in writing and signed by the arbitrator. If the arbitrator determines a formal opinion is necessary, the award will be in summary fashion.

J. The arbitration award shall not establish a precedent for any current or future cases on the same or related subject unless the parties agree otherwise prior to the hearing.

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ARTICLE 7 – QUARTERLY CHECK-INS

Section 1. Quarterly Check-ins.
Supervisory managers shall conduct check-ins with their employees on a quarterly basis. If a quarterly check-in does not occur, the employee may request a check-in for the missed time period. Supervisory managers shall conduct the requested check-in within thirty (30) calendar days. The employee shall have the opportunity to provide their input during the quarterly check-ins. No notes shall be made about an employee outside of those notes accessible by the employee.
Section 2.
Quarterly check-ins are not grievable nor arbitrable under this Agreement and cannot be used for discipline.

ARTICLE 8 - POSITION DESCRIPTIONS

Position descriptions shall be in writing and will delineate the specific duties assigned to the position. A dated copy of the position description, signed by the employee’s supervisor, shall be given to the employee within ten (10) business days of the assumption of the position and at such time as the position description is amended. The position description will be reviewed by the employee and the employee’s supervisor at the time of the performance appraisal.

Nothing contained herein shall compromise the right or responsibility of the OSFM to assign work consistent with class specifications.

ARTICLE 9 - FILLING OF VACANCIES

Section 1.
The Agency desires to fill vacancies with the best qualified applicants available. Within that context, the Agency intends to provide AFSCME bargaining unit employees with opportunities to compete for openings within the bargaining units. The Agency advocates promotion of its employees and is committed to upward mobility where feasible to obtain the best applicant for the position. To this end, qualified internal candidates will be seriously considered during the selection process.

The Agency will determine whether a vacancy is to be filled and the method/means to fill that vacancy. If the vacancy is to be filled, the Agency will post the open positions on the on-line job application system and it will remain open for a minimum of seven (7) calendar days. Employees shall apply for the vacancy by submitting an application pursuant to the announcement. Human Resources will send a weekly e-mail announcing all newly opened Agency positions until the Local Presidents of Local 896 and 3765 agree that the on-line system effectively works for bargaining unit members.

a. Shift and Days Off. Units with multiple shifts and/or varied days off shall grant the position to the regular-status employee with the most seniority within the Agency.

b. Lateral Transfers and Internal Opportunities. Agency employees will be provided an opportunity to apply internally. The recruitment will occur concurrently between internal and lateral transfer candidates. Lateral candidates are defined as current regular-status employees in the same classification as the posted vacancy. Internal candidates will not be considered until the lateral selection process is completed.

Internal Agency candidates are current employees of the Agency. All internal applicants who meet the minimum qualification for the vacancy shall be eligible to participate in the selection process. Management will assess minimum, special qualifications, and preferred skills. The term “special qualifications and preferred skills” means any qualification(s) or skill(s)
beyond the minimum requirements identified in the classification specification. Such qualifications and skills assessment may include, but not be limited to: communication skills, ability to work well with others, and references. All things being equal, seniority within the Agency shall prevail.

The Agency agrees to implement a policy on Filling of Vacancies and provide the Union with a comment period of at least twenty-one (21) calendar days prior to implementation or revision. “Minimum Qualifications, Special Qualifications and Preferred Skills (desired attributes)” will be defined in the Agency Filling of Vacancies Policy using current Department of Administrative Services (DAS) definitions.

c. If the position remains unfilled, the Agency may post the position externally. Agency employees may apply and shall be considered along with external candidates.

**Section 2.**
The employee is responsible for preparation for advancement and qualifying for promotion within the bargaining unit. It shall be the employee’s responsibility to see that they have updated their records and profile necessary to apply for job opportunities.

The Agency will make training available to familiarize employees with the on-line application process and interviewing/testing skills.

**Section 3.**
Involuntary geographic transfers shall require a thirty (30) day advance notice of the Employer’s intent to transfer the employee. Employees will be notified by e-mail of all vacancies to be filled.

**Section 4.**
An employee not selected for a vacant position may ask to meet with the hiring manager and shall be granted a meeting to discuss the employee’s qualifications and interview.

**Section 5. Underfilling of Deputy State Fire Marshal Position.**
Employees appointed to the classification of Entry Level Deputy State Fire Marshal shall be given written notice at the time of hire of the requirements for reclassification to the Deputy State Fire Marshal position which they are underfilling. A required time frame shall accompany this notice.

**ARTICLE 10 - LIMITED DURATION APPOINTMENTS**

**Section 1.**
Persons may be hired for special studies or projects of uncertain or limited duration which are subject to the continuation of funding for a specific project. Such appointments shall be for a stated period not exceeding two (2) years but shall expire upon the earlier termination of the special study or projects unless extended by Legislative process. Management will clearly state in its posting that the limited duration appointment requires the employee to vacate their permanent position.
HR shall notify the Union of any new or renewed limited duration employee position it establishes. The notification shall include the approximate duration for which the employee is being hired.

HR shall notify the Union when it receives permanent funding for limited duration positions that are occupied. Regular status employees occupying these positions shall be direct appointed provided they were competitively hired into the limited duration position.

Section 2.
A. An employee initially hired to State government on a limited duration appointment in this Agency is not entitled to layoff rights during such appointment.

B. An employee appointed from regular status from any State agency to a limited duration appointment in the OSFM shall be reinstated to their former classification when the limited duration appointment is terminated. Such return rights to their former classification and to the previous Agency, shall not apply if they are discharged as provided in Article 6 (Discipline, Discharge, and Grievance Procedure).

Section 3.
A person accepting a limited duration appointment shall be notified of the conditions of the appointment and acknowledge in writing that they accept that appointment under these conditions. Such notification shall include the following:

A. That the appointment is of limited duration.

B. The persons who accept a limited duration appointment shall have no layoff rights under this Agreement except those provided under Section 2 (B) of this Article.

C. That in all other respects, limited duration appointees have all rights and privileges of other classified employees including but not limited to wages, benefits and Union representation under this Agreement.

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ARTICLE 11 - LAYOFF

Section 1. Alternative to Layoff
A. 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.

B. 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 for involuntary reasons not reflecting discredit on an employee. An employee shall be given written notice of layoff as far in advance as possible but not less than fifteen (15) calendar days before the effective date, stating the reasons for the layoff.

Section 3.
The layoff procedure shall occur in the following manner:

A. The OSFM shall determine the specific positions to be vacated and employees in those positions shall be notified of layoff. The Agency shall notify, in writing, all affected employees of their service credits and contractual bumping rights. The Agency shall notify the Union of the service credits of all employees in all affected positions in writing. The OSFM shall also post a copy of the service credits of all affected positions on employee bulletin board and mail a copy to all employees not having a formal office.

B. Temporary employees working in the classification in which a layoff occurs shall be terminated prior to the layoff of trial service or regular employees.

C. Employees shall be laid off and service credits calculated within the following separate categories: Permanent full-time positions; Permanent part-time positions. An initial trial service employee can not displace any regular status employee.

D. An employee notified of a pending layoff shall select one (1) of the following options and communicate such choice in writing to the Agency Human Resources (HR) Office within five (5) calendar days from the date the employee is notified in writing and has a service credits list provided (in hand) to the affected employee.
   1. The employee may displace an employee in the OSFM with the lowest service credits in the same classification for which they are qualified.
   2. The employee may demote to the lowest service credits position in any classification for which they are qualified within the OSFM. Employees who elect to demote shall be placed on any layoff list of their choice, within the OSFM, for the classification from which they demoted.
   3. The employee may elect to be laid off. An employee who elects to be laid off shall be placed on any layoff list of their choice, within the OSFM, for the classification from which they were laid off.

E. To be qualified for the options under Section 3(D)(1) and (2) the employee must meet all of the minimum qualifications for the position's classification and must be capable of performing the specific requirements of the position as stated in the position description within thirty (30) days. An employee who is seeking to bump another employee has no right to a trial service period of any duration in the position into which the employee is attempting to bump. Further, the thirty (30) day time period is for the purposes of orienting an employee to the position, not training the employee to perform the work. Therefore, it is necessary that the
employee can perform all of the duties and responsibilities of the position as
determined by the Agency prior to bumping into the position.

If an employee meets the minimum qualifications but is not capable of performing
the specific requirements of the lowest service credit position, they may displace
or demote to the next lowest service credit position in the classification, provided
that the incumbent in the next lowest position has a lower service credit than the
employee displacing or demoting and that the employee is capable of performing
the specific requirements of the position.

F. When exercising an option under Section 3(D)(1) and (2) an employee shall only
be eligible to displace another employee with a lower service credit.

**Section 4.**
Computation of service credit for regular status employees shall be made as follows:
One (1) point per month for each full month of unbroken service in Agency service and
one-half (.5) point per month for each full month of unbroken State service in another
state agency excluding temporary service. A break in service is a separation or
interruption of employment without pay of more than two (2) years. All part-time service
shall be credited on a prorated basis. Authorized leaves of absence from the Department,
including time spent in the armed forces, military leave of absence, authorized leaves with
pay, and time lost because of duty-connected disability, shall be included in the
computation of service credits. Periods of non-FMLA/OFLA leave without pay will be
deducted from service credit calculations. When a layoff is announced, service credit
scores shall be frozen on that date until the layoff and any subsequent bumping activity
is completed.

If two (2) or more employees have equal service credits, the tie shall be broken as follows,
with most credit given to:

1. Length of continuous service with the OSFM;

2. Length of continuous service in the job classification.

**Section 5.**
Any trial service employee who is laid off or demoted in lieu of layoff shall not be placed
on the OSFM layoff list, but shall be restored to the eligible list from which certification
was made if the eligible list is still active. Restoration of the list shall be for the remaining
period of eligibility that existed at the time of appointment from the list.

**Section 6.**
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 7. Agency Layoff Lists.**
Names of regular status employees of the OSFM who have separated from the service
of the State in good standing by layoff or who have demoted in lieu of layoff shall be
placed on layoff lists in service credit order established by the classification from which
the employee was laid off or demoted in lieu of layoff.
The employee shall designate in writing the locations they wish to be considered for recall. The term of eligibility of candidates placed on the list shall be two (2) years from the date of placement on the list.

**Section 8. Recall.**
Employees who are on an OSFM layoff list and have designated in writing the positions and locations shall be recalled in service credit order beginning with the employee with the highest service credits who meets all of the minimum qualifications for the position and who is capable of performing the specific requirements of the position as stated on the position description within thirty (30) days. An employee who is seeking recall has no right to a trial service period of any duration in the position into which the employee is attempting to return. Further, the thirty (30) day time period is for the purposes of orienting an employee to the position, not training the employee to do the work. Therefore, it is necessary that the employee can perform all of the duties and responsibilities of the position as determined by the OSFM prior to being recalled to the position.

If an employee on a layoff list is offered a position, they may refuse the position, but their name will be removed from the layoff list.

An employee appointed to a position from a layoff list shall be removed from all other layoff lists.

If a temporary appointment is necessary and is expected to last longer than forty-five (45) days and there is a layoff list for that classification, employees on the layoff list shall first be offered the temporary appointment prior to hiring any other temporary. Not accepting a temporary job does not constitute a right of refusal under this Section. This shall only apply to employees separated from State service. Such employees shall be appointed as a temporary employee, remain on the layoff list, and will not be eligible for any benefits covered under this Agreement.

**Section 9. Geographic Area.**
Statewide.

**Section 10.**
Any temporary interruption of employment because of lack of work or unexpected or unusual reasons beyond the Employer's control which does not exceed fifteen (15) consecutive days, shall not be considered a layoff if, at the termination of such conditions, employee(s) are to be returned to employment. Such interruptions of employment shall be recorded and reported as leave without pay.

**Section 11.**
It is understood and agreed that employees who elect to displace, demote and/or return from layoff do not receive reimbursement for travel nor moving expenses.

**Section 12.**
There shall be no cross bumping between management service, unrepresented service, other bargaining units and the OSFM bargaining unit. However, after termination of unclassified, exempt or management service for reasons other than specified by ORS 240.555, employees who held positions in the same agency and service prior to the
appointment to the unclassified, management or exempt services shall be restored to their former status, classification, or similar classification for which qualified in Classified Service. If a reduction in force is required in connection with such return, it shall be accomplished through this Article as if the employee returning had always been a part of the bargaining unit.

**Section 13. Secondary Recall Rights.**

**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.

**Definitions.**

1. **Geographic areas**, for the purpose of secondary recall, are each location for which an employee may indicate their willingness to relocate through the Human Resource Information System application process.

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.

**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.

**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 their 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 their 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 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 their 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 Analysts (PTA) shall serve a trial
service period consistent with the Department of Corrections 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 12 - TRIAL SERVICE

Section 1.
All employees appointed to a bargaining unit position shall serve a trial service period of six (6) months.

Section 2.
At any time during the trial service period, the OSFM may remove an employee if, in the judgment of the OSFM, the employee is unable or unwilling to perform their duties satisfactorily or if, in the judgment of the OSFM, their habits and dependability do not merit their continuance in the position.

If an employee is removed from their position during the trial service period the employee shall not have rights to appeal the OSFM's decision under this Agreement.

If such employee was previously a regular status employee in a bargaining unit position in the OSFM immediately prior to their present appointment, they shall be reinstated to their former classification as a regular status employee unless they are discharged as provided in Article 6 of this Agreement.

Section 3.
An employee who is transferred or demoted to another position in the bargaining unit in the OSFM prior to the completion of the trial service period shall complete a new trial service period of six (6) months.

Section 4.
An employee's trial service period may be extended in instances where an employee has a leave of absence. A leave of absence shall extend the trial service period by the number of calendar days of the leave taken by the employee.
An employee's trial service may also be extended for the purpose of developing the skills or knowledge necessary for competent job performance. Requests for such extensions will be submitted to the Union for approval.

Section 5. Outside Agency Promotional Trial Service
A. A regular status employee who is removed from promotional trial service from an executive branch state agency shall have right of return to their former Agency/Bargaining Unit. The Agency shall restore the employee to their former position if it is vacant. If it is not vacant the employee shall be restored to a position in their former classification in their former bargaining unit so long as the employee meets any special qualifications for the position unless charges are filed and they are terminated from employment.

B. If an employee is reinstated into a position in their former classification in the bargaining unit and this requires a change in the employee’s official work site, the employee will be eligible for moving reimbursement in accordance with the Employer's policy titled, ‘Current or Recalled Employee Relocation’ (40.055.10) or successor policy.

ARTICLE 13 - HOURS OF WORK/OVERTIME

Section 1. General.
This Article is intended to provide a definition of hours of work and a basis for the calculation of overtime and none of its provisions shall be construed as a guarantee of any minimum or maximum hours of work or weeks of work to any employee or to any group of employees.

Section 2. Work Week.
The work week shall begin at 00:01 on Sunday and end at 24:00 midnight the following Saturday.

Work schedule is defined as the time of day and the days of the week the employee is assigned to work. A regular work schedule is five (5) consecutive eight (8) hour days, usually 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Alternative work schedules are anything other than five (5) consecutive eight (8) hour days. Work shifts and starting and stopping times may be adjusted based on the operational needs of the Agency. The Agency may consider employee requests for adjusted schedules pursuant to Section 9, of this Article. For work schedule changes, management will provide as much notice as practicable to the affected employees.

Section 3. Meal and Rest Breaks
Employees who are not scheduled a duty-free meal period shall have meal periods counted as hours worked. All other employees shall be granted a meal period of not less than thirty (30) minutes nor more than one (1) hour unless mutually agreed otherwise between the employee and the Supervisor. Meal periods shall be scheduled at approximately mid-period of the employees' work shift.
A rest period of fifteen (15) minutes shall be allowed during each consecutive work period of four (4) hours or more. Such rest periods shall be in accordance with operating requirements.

**Section 4. Overtime.**
Eligible employees, as defined by FLSA, shall be compensated at the rate of time and one-half (1-1/2) in the form of pay or compensatory time off for authorized overtime worked in excess of eight (8) and/or alternate scheduled hours in a day or forty (40) hours in any one (1) workweek. No application of this Article shall be interpreted to provide for compensation for overtime at a rate exceeding time and one-half (1-1/2).

Employees will be given the opportunity to provide input to management when notified that management is adjusting their work schedules within the same workweek for the purpose of leveling the workweek not to exceed forty (40) hours and avoid overtime liability. Such input does not abridge management’s right to adjust work schedules.

Time worked for the purpose of this Agreement is all the regular rate of pay time worked and paid leave.

**Section 5. Notice of Overtime.**
The OSFM shall give reasonable notice of any planned overtime to be worked. Planned overtime worked will be subject to prior management authorization. Prior authorization shall be granted on a case-by-case basis.

**Section 6. Call Back.**
When called to duty on a day off or on a duty day after a break in service of one (1) hour or more, a minimum of two (2) hours at time and one-half (1 ½) will be guaranteed. Any hours worked exceeding two (2) hours will be paid at time and one-half (1 ½).

If the employee is called back to work, and is instructed by management to respond immediately, the employee’s time worked begins with the manager’s request. For purposes of this Section, “immediately” means that a response is required within two (2) hours from the manager’s request. Otherwise, the callback begins with the time the employee reports for work at the employee’s assigned duty station.

If the employee is called back to work in an emergency situation, the employee may be assigned by the Agency to handle other situations occurring during the period of the callback without the Agency incurring two (2) callback payment liabilities.

Employees who receive a telephone call or electronic message that calls them back to duty, but does not require them to physically report to work shall be compensated at time and one-half (1 ½) for a minimum of thirty (30) minutes or the length of the call and associated duties, whichever is greater.

**Section 7.**
Subject to the operating requirements of the OSFM and in advance of the requested time off, an employee shall have their choice of scheduling compensatory time off on a first-come, first-served basis. If two (2) or more employees under the same supervisor request the same period of time off on the same day and this conflicts with operating
requirements, the employee having the greatest seniority with the Agency shall be granted the time off if the matter cannot be resolved by agreement between the employees concerned. However, an employee shall not be given this length of service consideration more than once in every two (2) years. Compensatory time may be taken in time increments of less than eight (8) hours.

Section 8. Compensatory Time Accrual.
An FLSA-eligible employee may accrue up to one hundred (100) hours of compensatory time off. At the discretion of the OSFM, accrual above one hundred (100) hours may be paid to the employee or, subject to operating requirements of the OSFM, scheduled off with mutual agreement of the supervisor and the employee, within thirty (30) days of the excess accrual or permitted to remain on the OSFM’s official payroll records for a longer period of time and subject to immediate payoff. Accrued compensatory time balances are paid in full upon separation and may be converted to pay under special circumstances.

Section 9. Alternate Work Schedules.
A. A regular work schedule is defined as a work schedule that is five (5) consecutive eight (8) hour days.
B. An alternate work schedule is defined as a work schedule that is other than a five (5) day eight (8) hour work schedule with regularly established starting and stopping times.
C. A flexible work schedule is a work schedule which varies the number of hours on a daily basis, but not necessarily each day, or a work schedule in which starting and stopping times vary on a daily basis but not necessarily each day but maintains the forty (40) hour work week. Flexible work schedules must be approved by the supervisor. When a change to a flexible schedule is requested by an employee and approved by the supervisor, daily and Sunday overtime shall be waived by the employee.
D. An employee desiring to work an alternate work schedule, flexible work schedule, or who wishes to modify the starting/stopping times of their regular schedule, must submit a written request to their immediate supervisor. The employee’s written request will address the following areas: 1) the requested alternate work schedule will not interfere with the employee’s ability and availability to perform assigned duties; 2) continue to meet Agency/work unit operational needs; 3) the needs of the public will be met; 4) the request will not impact other employee’s ability to schedule leave to extend their weekends; 5) the forty (40) hour work week will be maintained. The supervisor will review the request and either approve or deny the request which includes consideration of the above criteria. If approved, the employee waives any penalty or premium pay as a result of the change into or out of the requested schedule.
E. Requests for alternate work schedules, or regular schedules with different stop/start times, (adjusted), shall be considered in order of application. If more than one (1) employee requests an alternative or adjusted work schedule on the same day and both requests cannot be accommodated, preference shall be given to the employee with the most seniority in the Agency if possible.
F. Approved alternate/adjusted work schedules will be reviewed at least annually at the time of the employee’s performance evaluation.

G. The supervisor’s decision to grant or deny such a request may be grieved by the Union up to the Department of Administrative Services grievance appeal step. At the employee’s request, the immediate supervisor will meet with the employee in an effort to fully discuss all concepts.

H. The supervisor may revoke an employee’s alternate/adjusted work schedule if the schedule no longer meets criteria cited above with fourteen (14) calendar days notice. The Agency’s decision shall not be subject to the grievance procedure.

I. The Employer agrees to provide flexibility in granting employee requests to flex their work hours within a given workweek to accommodate appointments and other personal obligations so long as operational needs are met. Employees commit to considering operational needs when making these requests.

Section 10. Exempt Employees.
Sections 1-7 of this Article do not apply to employees exempt from FLSA. Exempt employees shall have a professional workweek that is consistent with the law and the collective bargaining agreement.

Section 11. Travel Pay.
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 hours in that workweek.

Section 12. Incident Management Team (IMT).
A. OSFM employees may agree to participate on the IMT as approved by the employee’s supervisor. Employees will be responsible to follow the procedures of the IMT Program.

B. An Incident Management Team member will receive pay for work performed according to the Oregon Fire Service Mobilization Plan. Pay shall cover the entire period of the emergency, from the departure time as logged by the Agency Operation Center through demobilization and return to home base as logged by the Agency Operation Center. Discrepancies in pay are grievable.

C. Pay for a response to an Emergency Management Assistive Compact (EMAC) request or as an individual to a non-conflagration or non-Bureau Indian Affairs (BIA) incident will be for hours worked.
Section 13. Sunday Overtime.
Employees will receive time and one-half (1 ½) compensation for all time worked on Sunday when Management has assigned and authorized the work. This section does not apply when an employee is in travel status to attend training.

ARTICLE 14 - CLASSIFICATION AND CLASSIFICATION CHANGES

Section 1. Work Out of Classification.
A. When an employee is assigned, in writing, by the OSFM for a limited time period to perform the major distinguishing duties of a position at a higher level classification for ten (10) consecutive calendar days, that employee shall be paid five percent (5%) above the employee’s base rate of pay or the first step of the higher salary range, whichever is greater.

When assignments are made to work out of classification for more than ten (10) consecutive calendar days, the employee shall be compensated for all hours worked beginning from the first day of the assignment for the full period of that particular assignment.

When an employee is assigned to work out of classification pending approval of a reclassification upward, the employee will be paid at the next higher rate of pay or first step of the higher salary range, whichever is greater.

B. An employee who is underfilling a position shall be informed in writing that they occupy an underfill, the reasons for the underfill and the requirements necessary for the employee to qualify for reclassification to the allocated level. A copy of the notice shall be sent to the Union. Upon gaining regular status and meeting the requirements for the allocated level of the position, the employee shall be reclassified.

C. An employee performing duties out of classification for training or developmental purposes shall be informed in writing of the purpose and length of the assignment during which there shall be no extra pay for the work. A copy of the notice shall be placed in the employee’s file.

D. Assignments of work out of classification shall not be made in a manner which will subvert or circumvent the administration of this Article.

E. An employee who has been assigned and is working out-of-class to fill a vacant position for more than six (6) months, shall receive the next higher full step in the new salary range, upon promotion.

Section 2. Revision of Classification Series.
Prior to implementation of new classifications, or major revisions of existing classifications, the parties will negotiate rates of pay, effective date and method of implementation.
Section 3. Reclassification Procedure.
A. Employees may request reclassification by submitting a completed Position Description Form and written explanation for the proposed reclassification to a specific bargaining unit classification to the Agency HR Office. Reclassification must be based on a finding that the duties and responsibilities of a position have been significantly enlarged, diminished or altered, but the knowledge, skills and abilities required are still essentially similar to those previously required.

B. The Agency shall review and verify the duties assigned to the position. Within thirty (30) days after receipt of the reclassification request, the Agency shall notify the Union of its findings. If the findings indicate reclassification, the Agency shall decide to seek approval if necessary or remove the duties.

Section 4. Upward Reclassification.
When a position is reclassified upward, a regular incumbent shall be continued in the position. They shall be advanced to the higher class with the same status held in the lower class if they meet minimum experience and training requirements. When a position is reclassified upward and the incumbent does not have regular status, the position will be filled competitively at the higher level.

Section 5. Pay for Upward Reclassification.
A. The effective pay date for an approved upward reclassification is the first (1st) of the month following submission to Human Resources.

B. Rate of pay upon upward reclassification shall be the first step of the new salary range, unless the old former salary rate was higher than the first (1st) step of the new salary range, then the next higher step in the new salary range. In no case shall it exceed the new salary range maximum.

C. When OSFM determines that an upward reclassification is justified, the employee will be compensated at the step within the new salary range where they are expected to be placed as if the move were effective immediately. The incumbent will continue to receive this compensation until the position receives final legislative budgetary approval or until the higher level duties are removed. If the upward reclassification does not receive final approval from the legislative budget office, the higher level duties will be removed and the employee will return to the prior salary range. During this period, the employee will receive cost of living adjustments and merit increases at the higher rate. The current salary eligibility date will be retained.

Section 6. Salary Eligibility Date Upon Upward Reclassification.
The employee retains their original salary eligibility date unless the salary eligibility date needs to be adjusted to avoid recoupment of wages.

Section 7. Pay for Upward Reclassification Denial.
If the Legislature does not approve the reclassification request, 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 HR Office to
the date the duties were removed. Any work out of classification pay received during that period shall be deducted from the proposed salary rate.

Section 8. Downward Reclassification.
A. When a position is reclassified to another class that carries a lower salary range, the incumbent trial service or regular employee shall be accorded corresponding status in the new classification.

B. The Agency shall notify an employee in writing of a downward reclassification of the employee’s position, and the specific reasons for doing so within sixty (60) days prior to the effective date.

C. If an employee is reclassified downward and their rate of pay is above the maximum of the new classification, their rate of pay will remain the same until a rate in the salary range of the new classification exceeds it, at which time the employee’s salary shall be adjusted to that step.

If the employee's rate of pay is the same as a salary step in the new classification, the employee's salary shall be maintained at the same rate in the lower range.

If the employee's rate of pay is within the new salary range but not at a corresponding salary step, the employee's salary shall be maintained at the current rate until the next eligibility date. At the employee's next eligibility date, if qualified, the employee shall be granted a salary rate increase to the next step within the new salary range. This increase shall not exceed the highest step in the new salary range.

D. Employees who are reclassified downward will be eligible to apply for reemployment to the classification from which they were reclassified downward.

Section 9. Equal Reclassification Rate.
When an employee is reclassified to a classification having the same salary range, the rate of pay will not be changed.

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 they determine 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 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 they conclude 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. See LOA: Work Out of Class

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ARTICLE 15 - 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, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, marital status, or political affiliation. The Union further agrees that it will support the Agency implementation of applicable federal and State laws, regulations, and guidelines including but not limited to Presidential Executive Order 11246 as amended by Presidential Executive Order 11375 and the Governor's policy and guidelines for affirmative action plans in State agencies.

Section 2.
All complaints alleging any form of discrimination, in violation of this Contract shall be submitted to the Director or designee in writing within thirty (30) days of the date of the occurrence. A meeting with the complainant will be held within fifteen (15) calendar days of the receipt of the complaint. If satisfactory solution cannot be reached, the Director or the designee will communicate in writing, within thirty (30) calendar days from receipt of
the complaint, the position of the Agency to the complainant and the Union. If the complaint is not resolved, the employee or the Union may submit such complaint to the Bureau of Labor and Industries, Civil Rights Division; except that complaints alleging discrimination because of political affiliation may be submitted to the Department of Administrative Services, Labor Relations Unit, if unresolved by the Agency within fifteen (15) calendar days after receipt of the Director’s or designee’s response. Department of Administrative Services, Labor Relations Unit will review the complaint, attempt to resolve it, and/or issue its findings to the employee and the Union.

**ARTICLE 16 - HOLIDAYS**

**Section 1.**
The following compensable holidays shall be recognized:

- **A.** New Year's Day on January 1;
- **B.** Martin Luther King, Jr.'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;
- **E.** Juneteenth on June 19;
- **F.** Independence Day on July 4;
- **G.** Labor Day on the first Monday in September;
- **H.** Veterans Day on November 11;
- **I.** Thanksgiving Day on the fourth Thursday in November;
- **J.** The Friday after Thanksgiving;
- **K.** Christmas Day on December 25;
- **L.** Every day appointed by the President of the United States as a day of mourning, rejoicing or other special observance only when the Governor also appoints that day as a holiday.

When a holiday specified in this Section falls on a Saturday, the preceding Friday shall be recognized as the holiday. When a holiday specified in this Section falls on a Sunday, the following Monday shall be recognized as the holiday.

**Section 2.**
Full-time employees, except those with any leave without pay the day before or the day after the recognized holiday, shall be compensated at the straight time rate for eight (8) hours for each recognized holiday listed in Section 1 provided the employee works thirty-two (32) hours or more within the month. All part-time employees except those on any leave without pay the day before or the day after a holiday shall be compensated at the straight time rate on a pro rata basis for each recognized holiday during a month in which the employee works thirty-two (32) hours or more. This holiday compensation is called holiday pay. Recognized holidays which occur during paid vacation or paid sick leave will be charged as a holiday rather than vacation or sick leave.

**Section 3.**
Employees who are required to work on recognized holidays shall be entitled to the holiday pay as provided for by Section 2 of this Article plus compensatory time off or cash for all such time worked at the rate of time and one-half (1-1/2). The rate at which an employee shall be compensated for working on a holiday shall not exceed the rate of time and one-half (1-1/2) in addition to holiday pay. An employee will receive compensatory
time off for holiday time worked unless the employee makes advance written request for cash, before the payroll cutoff date.

Section 4.
In addition to the holidays specified in this Article, all full-time employees as of December 1 of each year shall receive eight (8) hours of paid leave. Employees may request the option of using this paid leave on any workday during the calendar year. Approved usage of this leave shall be taken in a single block of time and granted on a basis which shall preclude the closure of state facilities.

ARTICLE 17 - VACATION LEAVE

Section 1. Vacation Leave for Full-Time Employees.
After having served in the State service for six (6) months, full-time classified employees shall be credited with forty-eight (48) hours of vacation leave and thereafter vacation leave shall be accumulated as follows:

After six (6) months through fifth (5th) year

Twelve (12) workdays for each twelve (12) months of service (eight (8) hours per month)

After fifth (5th) year through tenth (10th) year

Fifteen (15) workdays for each twelve (12) months of service (ten (10) hours per month)

After tenth (10th) year through fifteenth (15th) year

Eighteen (18) workdays for each twelve (12) months of service (twelve (12) hours per month)

After fifteenth (15th) year through twentieth (20th) year

Twenty-one (21) workdays for each twelve (12) months of service (fourteen (14) hours per month)

After twentieth (20th) year

Twenty-four (24) workdays for each twelve through twenty-fifth (25th) (12) months of service (sixteen (16) hours per month)

After twenty-fifth (25th) year

Twenty-seven (27) workdays for each twelve (12) months of service (eighteen (18) hours per month)

Part-time employees and full-time employees working less than a month shall accrue vacation leave on a pro rata basis, provided that the employee works thirty-two (32) hours or more in that month. If an employee has a break in service and that break does not exceed two (2) years, the employee shall be given credit for the time worked prior to the break in service for purposes of determining the level of accrual.

Section 2. Determination of Eligibility for Vacation Accrual.
Time spent by an employee in actual State service or on Peace Corps, military, or job-incurred disability leave without pay shall be considered as time in the State service in determining length of service for vacation credits.
Section 3. Determination for Accrual of Vacation Leave.
All time in the exempt or unclassified service, shall be counted as long as there is not a break in service of more than two (2) years in determining the level of accrual.

Section 4. Termination Vacation Pay.
An employee who is laid off or terminates after six (6) months of Agency service shall be paid upon separation from Agency service for accrued vacation time except as provided to offset for damages or misappropriation of State property or equipment. Employees on military leave of absence may request payment for accrued vacation. Employees may request the option of using this paid leave on any workday during the calendar year. Approved usage of this leave shall be taken in a single block of time and granted on a basis which shall preclude the closure of state facilities.

Section 5. Scheduling of Vacations.
Vacations shall be scheduled at a time mutually acceptable to the OSFM and the employee and consistent with the work requirements of the OSFM. All vacation leaves require advanced written authorization by the employee’s immediate supervisor; however, management may verbally approve short notice requests, subject to submission of written leave request form upon return. Employees shall be able to request forecasted accrued vacation leave. Such leave may only be taken if the accrued vacation leave is actually accrued by the date the leave is to be used.

Section 6. Vacation Accrual.
An employee shall be allowed to accumulate a maximum of three hundred fifty (350) hours of vacation leave; however, in the event of layoff, resignation, retirement or termination, any unused vacation up to three hundred (300) hours will be paid to the employee. An employee transferring in from another State agency may transfer up to eighty (80) hours of accrued vacation leave. 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 three hundred (300) 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 three hundred (300) 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.

To avoid losing accrued vacation leave, an employee who is on a compensable work-related injury may request to use accrued vacation leave in lieu of accrued sick leave prior to the date the vacation leave would be lost.

The employee may later request to return to utilizing paid sick leave provided accrued sick leave is available to use.

Section 7.
Compensation for use of accrued vacation shall be at the employee’s prevailing straight time rate of pay.
Section 8.  
In the event of an employee’s death, all monies due them for accrued vacation and salary shall be paid as provided by law, unless otherwise designated in writing by the employee.

Section 9. Vacation Cashout.  
In addition to Article 17, Section 6 of the Agreement, employees may cash out up to forty (40) hours of accrued vacation hours each State fiscal year under the following conditions:

a. Employees must have regular status at the time of the request;

b. Employees shall receive payment within thirty (30) days from the date of their cash out request made through the human resources information system.

c. After cash out, employees must have in their leave balance at least sixty (60) hours of accrued vacation leave hours;

d. Payment shall be the employee’s straight time rate of pay;

e. Employees on unprotected leave without pay at the time the payment is requested are not eligible to cash out accrued vacation hours.

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ARTICLE 18 - SICK LEAVE

Section 1. Accrual Rate of Sick Leave With Pay Credits.  
Full-time employees shall accrue eight (8) hours of sick leave with pay credits for each full month worked. Employees who work less than the full month but at least thirty-two (32) hours during the month shall accrue sick leave with pay on a pro rata basis for the month.

Section 2. Eligibility for Sick Leave With Pay.  
Employees shall be eligible for sick leave with pay immediately upon accrual.

Section 3. Determination of Service for Sick Leave With Pay.  
Regular scheduled time worked and all leave with pay 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.

Section 4. Use 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, grandchildren, grandmother, grandfather, father-in-law, mother-in-law, 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 three (3) consecutive days, or if the Agency believes 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.

After all earned sick leave has been exhausted, an employee may request, in cases of illness, to use other accrued paid leaves prior to going into leave without pay.

Section 5. Sick Leave With Pay on Termination.
Compensation for accrued sick leave shall not be paid to an employee on termination for any reason.

Section 6. Restoration of Sick Leave Credits.
Employees who have been separated from the State service and return to a position within two (2) years shall have unused sick leave credits accrued during previous employment restored.

Section 7. Sick Leave Without Pay.
The Agency shall grant sick leave without pay for any job-incurred injury or illness for a period which shall terminate upon demand by the employee for reinstatement accompanied by a certificate issued by a duly licensed attending physician and/or practitioner that the employee is physically and/or mentally able to perform the duties of that position.

After earned sick leave has been exhausted, the Agency may grant sick leave without pay for any non-job-incurred injury or illness of a continuous and an extended nature to any employee upon request for a period up to one (1) year. Employees granted sick leave without pay shall be returned to their former position, shift, and days off, if still in existence, when released to work. If the position has been eliminated, the employee shall be reinstated to a vacancy in the previous classification in the previous work unit if available or if not, a vacancy within the bargaining unit for which they meet the minimum qualifications. If no vacancy exists, the returning employee shall displace the least senior employee within the bargaining unit in the previous classification.

The Agency may require that the employee submit a certificate from the attending physician or practitioner in verification of disability. Any cost associated with the supplying of a certificate concerning a job-incurred injury or illness that is not covered by Workers' Compensation benefits shall be borne by the Agency. Any cost associated with the supplying of a certificate concerning a non-job-incurred injury or illness shall be borne by the employee. In the event of a failure or refusal to supply such a certificate, or if the certificate does not clearly show sufficient disability to preclude that employee from the performance of duties, such sick leave may be canceled and the employee's service terminated.
Section 8.
An employee shall have all of their accrued sick leave credits transferred when the employee is transferred to the Agency from a different State agency. An employee shall have all of their accrued sick leave credits transferred when the employee is transferred to a different State agency if allowed by that agency's rules or Collective Bargaining Agreement.

ARTICLE 19 - OTHER LEAVES

Section 1. Leaves With Pay.
A. Personal Leave. All employees after completion of initial trial service shall be entitled to receive personal leave days in the following manner:
   1. All full-time employees shall be entitled to twenty-four (24) hours of personal leave with pay each fiscal year;
   2. Part-time, seasonal and job share employees shall be granted such leave in a prorated amount of twenty-four (24) hours based on the same percentage or fraction of month they are hired to work, or is subsequently formally modified, provided it is anticipated that they will work 1,040 hours during the fiscal year.

   Should any employee fail to work 1,040 hours for the fiscal year, the value of personal leave time used may be recovered from the employee.

   Personal leave shall not be cumulative from year to year nor is any unused leave compensable in any other manner.

   Such leave may be used by an employee for any purpose they desire and may be taken at times mutually agreeable to the OSFM and the employee.

B. Service With A Jury. An employee shall be granted leave with pay for service with a jury. The employee may keep any money paid by the court for serving on a jury. The OSFM reserves the right to petition for removal of the employee from jury duty if, in the OSFM's judgment, the operating requirements of the OSFM would be hampered.

C. Military Training Leave. An employee who has served with the State of Oregon or its counties, municipalities or other political subdivisions for six (6) months or more immediately preceding a request for paid military training leave, and who is a member of the National Guard or any reserve components of the armed forces of the United States is entitled to fifteen (15) days or one hundred and twenty (120) hours of paid military leave per federal fiscal year, unless a greater number of days is provided by law. In no event may an employee receive more than the number of days provided by law.

D. Military leave shall be granted in accordance with applicable Law and state policy. In addition, employees shall be allowed to utilize paid military leave for travel to
and from their place of duty and for the time spent on militarily obligated status or military duty regardless of the length of their military status or duty.

E. Subject to supervisory approval, employees may be allowed to voluntarily adjust their shifts to accommodate military duty.

F. Court Appearance Leave With Pay. When any employee is not the plaintiff or defendant, they shall be granted leave with pay for appearance before a court, legislative committee or judicial or quasi-judicial body as a witness in response to a valid subpoena or other direction by proper authority for matters related to the employee’s officially assigned duties. When the employee is in paid status, the employee shall turn into the Agency any money in connection with the appearance.

G. Pre-Retirement Counseling Leave. Employees shall be granted up to twenty-eight (28) hours leave with pay to pursue bona fide pre-retirement counseling programs. Employees shall request the use of leave provided in this Section at least five (5) days prior to the intended date of use.

Authorization for the use of pre-retirement leave shall not be withheld unless the Agency determines that the use of such leave shall hinder the efficiency of the employee’s work unit.

When the date requested for pre-retirement leave cannot be granted for the above reason, the Agency will work with the employee to find an alternate date. The leave discussed under this Section may be used to investigate and assemble the employee’s retirement program, including PERS, Social Security, Insurance, and other retirement income.

H. Test and Interview Leave. With notice to the supervisor, an employee shall be allowed appropriate time off with pay to participate in the competitive process related to job opportunities within State Government.

Up to eight (8) hours each fiscal year with pay shall be allowed for an interview for a position within State government. During periods of layoff within OSFM, employees may use up to eight (8) additional hours for interviews within State government each fiscal year. In no event shall the interview leave exceed sixteen (16) hours per fiscal year. When an agency requires that an employee applicant must complete on-site additional prescreening/assessments provided by that agency prior to interviewing, the employee may also utilize available leave.

Authorization for the use of test and interview leave shall not be withheld unless the OSFM determines that the use of such leave shall adversely impact the efficiency of the employee’s work unit.

I. Bereavement Leave.

1. Notwithstanding the hardship or sick leave eligibility criteria of the Agreement employees shall be eligible for a maximum of twenty-four (24) hours of paid bereavement leave per event of an immediate family member
which shall be prorated for part-time employees. The Agency may request documentation.

2. For employees that qualify for OFLA bereavement leave, paid bereavement leave under this Agreement shall run concurrently with OFLA bereavement leave.

3. 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 a period of absence from employment to discharge the customary obligations arising from a death in the immediate family or the employee’s spouse.

4. 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 exhaust all available accrued leave to qualify to receive hardship leave.

5. For purposes of this Article, “immediate family” shall include:

- the employee’s or the employee’s spouse’s parent (includes one who stood in loco parentis (in place of a parent)) when the employee was a child);

- spouse;

- child, and child’s spouse (includes a child for whom the employee stood in loco parentis and includes step child from a previous marriage);

- sibling;

- grandparent;

- grandchild;

- aunt or uncle;

- niece or nephew;

- or the equivalent of each of the above for domestic partners, or another member of the immediate household.

Note: Immediate family shall include the current in-laws and step family members who qualify per the above list.

Section 2. Leaves Without Pay.

A. Military Leave Without Pay. An employee in the State service shall be entitled to a military leave of absence without pay during a period of service with the armed forces of the United States. They shall, upon honorable discharge from such service, be returned to a position in the same class as their last held position, at
the salary rate prevailing for such 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 they are not physically qualified to perform the duties of their former position by reason of such service, they shall be reinstated in other work that they are able to perform at the nearest appropriate level of pay of their former class. An employee voluntarily or involuntarily seeking military leave without pay to attend service school shall be entitled to such leave during a period of active duty training. Military leaves of absence without pay shall be granted in compliance with the Veterans' Reemployment Rights Law, Title 38 USC Chapter 43.

B. Court Appearance Leave Without Pay. An employee may request and shall be granted leave without pay for the time required to make an appearance as a plaintiff or defendant in a civil or criminal court proceeding that is not connected with the employee's officially assigned duties. However, such reduction in salary will not be made for an FLSA-exempt employee to testify in court or at a deposition except for full workweek increments where such testimony causes an absence of one (1) or more full workweeks.

C. Leave of Absence/Educational Leave. In instances where the work of the OSFM will not be adversely impacted by the temporary absence of an employee, the employee shall be granted a leave of absence without pay or educational leave without pay for up to one (1) year, subject to OSFM approval.

D. Unauthorized Absence. Unauthorized leave from duty shall be deemed to be without pay and may be grounds for disciplinary action by the OSFM. Employees may be allowed to cover such absences with accrued vacation time or compensatory time if extenuating circumstances existed. Any employee who is absent for three (3) consecutive workdays without authorized leave shall be deemed to have resigned unless prevented from notifying the Employer due to circumstances beyond their control.

E. FMLA/OFLA. Leave shall be granted in accordance with State and/or federal law as appropriate. Extensions beyond the twelve (12) weeks may be arranged at the discretion of the Agency and in accordance with applicable law.

After exhaustion of all sick leave, an employee may retain up to a total accumulation of twenty-four (24) hours of personal business, vacation, and/or compensatory time, except use of such leave will be in accordance with this Agreement. Whenever possible, this designation shall be made prior to the beginning of the leave.

At the discretion of the Agency, an employee may be granted a leave of absence without pay for up to six (6) months to care for a newborn or newly adopted baby.
ARTICLE 20 - SALARY ADMINISTRATION

Section 1. Step Salary Increase.
Employees shall be eligible for consideration for step salary increases following:
   A. Completion of the initial twelve (12) months of service.
   B. Completion of six (6) months of service following promotion.
   C. Annual periods after (A) or (B) above until the employee has reached the top of the salary range.

Step salary increases shall be at least one (1) step and shall be granted upon recommendation of the employee’s immediate supervisor and approval of the appointing authority. The immediate supervisor shall give written notice to an employee of withholding of a step salary increase prior to the eligibility date, including a statement of the reason(s) it is being withheld.

Section 2. Salary on Promotion.
An employee shall be given no less than an increase to the next higher rate in the new salary range effective on the date of promotion. Should an increase to the next higher rate in the new salary range result in an increase of less than two and one-half percent (2.5%), the employee will instead receive an increase to the next full step of the salary range. If an employee is demoted or removed during trial service as a result of a promotion, their salary shall be reduced to the former step, and the previous salary eligibility date shall be restored.

If the employee's salary eligibility date occurs during the promotional trial service period, upon reinstatement to the previous class, the salary eligibility date prior to promotion will be recognized.

Section 3. Salary on Demotion.
Whenever an employee demotes to a job classification in a lower range that has a salary rate the same as the previous salary step, the employee’s salary shall be maintained at that step in the lower range.

Whenever an employee demotes to a job classification in a salary range which does not have corresponding salary steps with the employee’s previous salary but is within the new salary range, the employee's salary shall be maintained at the current rate until the next eligibility date. At the employee's next eligibility date, if qualified, the employee shall be granted a salary rate increase of one (1) full step within the new salary range plus that amount that their current salary rate is below the next higher rate in the salary range. This increase shall not exceed the highest rate in the new salary range.

Whenever employees demote to a job classification in a lower range, but their previous salary is above the highest step for that range, the employee shall be paid at the highest step in the new salary range.

This Section shall not apply to demotions resulting from official disciplinary actions.
Section 4. Salary on Lateral Transfer.
An employee's salary and Benefit Service Date shall remain the same when transferring from one (1) position to another within the bargaining unit which has the same salary range.

Section 5. Effect of Break in Service.
When an employee separates from the OSFM and subsequently returns to the OSFM within a two (2) year period, except as a temporary employee, the employee's previous salary eligibility date shall be adjusted by the amount of break in service.

Section 6. Rate of Pay on Appointment from Layoff List.
When an individual is appointed from a layoff list to a position in the same class 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.

Section 7. Payday and Pay Advances.
A. All employees shall normally be paid no later than the first of the month. When a payday occurs on Monday through Friday, payroll checks shall be released to employees on that day. When a payday falls on a Saturday, Sunday or Holiday, employee paychecks shall be made available after 8:00 a.m. on the last working day of the month. The release day for December paychecks dated January 1 shall be the first working day in January to avoid the risk of December's paychecks being included in the prior year's earnings for tax.

B. Employees will be allowed one (1) pay advance during their first thirty (30) days of employment.

C. The parties agree that pay advances will be kept to an absolute minimum and are for emergencies and unexpected financial hardships within that context, employees may obtain an advance on their salary subject to management's approval. The amount of the request shall not exceed sixty percent (60%) of gross pay earned to date in the month, but shall be at least one hundred dollars ($100.00). Employees may convert accrued compensatory time or vacation time in lieu of a payday advance. Employees may submit requests up to the final monthly payroll cutoff date. Pay advance requests will normally be submitted to the payroll office by the fifteenth (15th) of the month. If any employee requests more than one (1) pay advance in any twelve (12)-month period, management has the right to deny it, if a valid emergency does not exist.

SEE LOC: Letter of Clarification

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ARTICLE 21 - SALARIES

Section 1. Public Employees Retirement System (“PERS”) Members.
For purposes of this Article, a PERS participating member is an employee who has established membership in PERS (Tier 1, Tier 2, or OPSRP) and who is presently employed in a qualifying position.
**Section 2. PERS Participating Member Retirement Contributions.**
Effective February 1, 2019, compensation plan salary rates for PERS participating members were increased by six and nine five one hundredths percent (6.95%) and the State ceased “picking up” the six percent (6%) employee contribution. The State will deduct from an employee’s salary and make the six percent (6%) employee contribution to their PERS account or Individual Account Program (“IAP”) account as applicable. Employees’ contributions shall be treated as ‘pre tax’ contributions pursuant to Internal Revenue Code Section 414(h)(2).

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. The Parties acknowledge that challenges have been or may be filed that contest the legislation enacted by the 2019 Legislative Assembly, including SB1049 (“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 3. PERS Pickup**
Effective February 1, 2019 compensation plan salary rates for PERS participating members shall be increased by six and ninety five one hundredths percent (6.95%). At that time bargaining unit employees will begin to make their own six percent (6%) contributions to their PERS account or the Individual Account Program as applicable. Employees’ contributions shall be treated as ‘pretax’ contributions pursuant to Internal Revenue Code Section 414(h)(2).

**Section 4. Cost of Living Adjustment**

A. Effective December 1, 2021 or on the first of the month following receipt of an interest arbitration award whichever is later, all pay rates will be increased by two and five tenths percent (2.5%) but not less than eighty-five dollars ($85.00) per month (prorated for part time employees).

B. Effective December 1, 2022 or first of the month following receipt of an interest arbitration award whichever is later, all pay rates will be increased by three and one tenth percent (3.1%) but not less than one hundred dollars ($100.00) per month (prorated for part time employees).

**Section 5. Selective Salary Adjustment**
All other classifications under the AFSCME Central Table that receive a salary range increase will be reviewed and negotiated consistent with standard practices. All AFSCME classifications that are part of a classification study negotiated at other bargaining units will be included.

Effective July 1, 2021 all employees will retain their current salary rate in the new range except that employees whose current rate is below the first step of the new range shall be moved to the first step in the new range and a new salary eligibility date which would be twelve (12) months from the effective date of the selective salary adjustment will be assigned. For an employee whose rate is within the new salary range but not at a corresponding step, the employee’s salary shall be adjusted to the next higher rate closest to the employee’s current salary rate.

ARTICLE 22 - LEADWORK

Leadwork duties shall be formally assigned in writing by the supervisor to employees who while performing essentially the same duties as workers led are directed to assign and reassign tasks to accomplish prescribed work efficiently; give direction to workers concerning work procedures; transmit established standards of performance to workers; review work of employees for conformance to standards; provide informational assessment of workers' performance to supervisor; and orient new employees.

Employees shall receive a five percent (5%) differential for work performing assigned leadwork duties over employees for ten (10) consecutive calendar days or more provided the leadwork or team leader duties are not included in the classification specification for the employee's position.

Management will provide notice to regular status employees in the work unit when an opportunity for a lead work assignment is expected to continue for more than sixty (60) days and the work unit has three (3) or more employees. The notice shall be given to employees for a minimum of seven (7) days and shall provide a general description of the assignment and the estimated duration. Employees may express their interest and any special skills pertinent to the role. Management reserves the right to select and assign lead work and such decision is not grievable.

Where leadwork differential is applicable to all hours worked in a month, it shall be applied to all hours paid.

Leadwork differential shall not apply for voluntary training and development purposes which are mutually agreed to in writing between the supervisor and the employee.

ARTICLE 23 - HEALTH AND DENTAL 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.

Section 3. Plan Years 2021 through 2023.
For Plan Years 2021, 2022 and 2023 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 rate.
premium for PEBB health, vision, dental and basic life insurance benefits and the employee shall pay one percent (1%).

**Section 4.**
If the Collective Bargaining Agreement provides for a COLA with an effective date in the second (2nd) year of a biennium and the difference in the projected increase in the PEBB composite rate for the following calendar year falls below three point four percent (3.4%), then the COLA will be moved up by one (1) full month for each month it is sufficiently funded by the savings.

**ARTICLE 24 - TRAVEL, MILEAGE AND MOVING EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT**

**Section 1. Travel and Mileage.**
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, Human Resource Services Division Policy 40.055.10, and its successors. Changes in this policy will be automatically incorporated into this contract article.

**Section 3. Special Lunch Provision.**
An employee who is unexpectedly called out/directed to travel at least forty (40) direct road miles from their work site, and who spends greater than one half (1/2) of their assigned shift in this circumstance, is eligible for the special meal provision. The special meal provision is to reimburse an employee for the cost of a luncheon meal of up to six dollars and fifty cents ($6.50). The luncheon meal is a lunch meal (reimbursement of up to six dollars and fifty cents ($6.50) taken near the middle of the employee’s shift, regardless of the time of day.

**ARTICLE 26 - LABOR-MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

**Section 1. Purpose.**
In order to facilitate communication between the parties and to promote cooperative employer-employee relations, the Employer and AFSCME agree to form a joint Labor/Management Committee which shall meet monthly to discuss matters of mutual concern. The Labor Management Committee will meet, confer, discuss matters effecting the Union membership, and share information of mutual interest pertaining to the Agency. However, the Labor Management Committee does not have the authority to negotiate or enter into binding agreements that would contravene any provision of the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

**Section 2. Committee Composition.**
The Committee shall be composed of up to five (5) members appointed by the Union and up to five (5) members of management appointed by the Agency head or designee. At least three (3) of the management representatives appointed will be a member of the
State Fire Marshal’s leadership team. Representatives from Department of Administrative Services, the Union, or other individuals may be invited, who may provide information or act as advisors. Agency employees appointed to the committee shall be in pay status during time spent in committee meetings, however, such attendance must not result in overtime pay.

Section 3. Meetings and Agenda.
The Labor/Management Committee shall meet monthly; the committee members may, however, mutually agree to cancel a meeting.

Labor/Management Committee meeting agendas shall be prepared in advance. Items for inclusion on an agenda shall be provided to all members at least five (5) working days in advance of the scheduled meeting when practicable. Management will provide regular updates pertaining to policy development and revision, training and development and the Agency’s strategic objectives.

The Employer will provide a vacancy status report to the Union upon request, but no less than each quarter. The report will contain all bargaining unit vacancies, the date the position was vacated, and an update regarding the filling of the position. When a position has been vacant for more than one (1) quarter, management will discuss with the Union the redistribution or curtailing of duties of the vacant position.

Labor/Management Committee meetings shall be conducted in good faith. The parties shall alternate responsibility for chairing the meetings; the chair shall be responsible for preparing and distribution of meeting minutes. Decision making shall be by consensus. At least once a year, the Labor/Management Committee shall review the bylaws and procedures and make any changes, as necessary.

Section 4. Authority of Committee.
The Labor/Management Committee shall have no power to contravene any provision of this Agreement, nor to enter into any Letter of Agreement; negotiate, or to resolve disputes concerning the interpretation or application of any provision of this Agreement. The Committee shall be empowered to make joint recommendations on issues which are brought before it. Such recommendations approved by the Committee shall be presented to the Agency head or designee for response and/or action. Such response shall be in writing and shall be submitted to the Committee and all concerned parties.

No discussion or review of any matter by the Labor/Management Committee shall forfeit or affect the timeframes of the settlement of disputes procedure (Article 6).

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ARTICLE 27 - HARDSHIP LEAVE

Section 1.
As used in this Article:
A. "Accumulated Leave" includes but is not limited to sick, vacation, and compensatory leave.
B. “Prolonged Illness or Injury” means inability to work because of a serious illness or injury or major medical treatment that the treating physician certifies in writing.

Section 2.
Agency employees may make irrevocable donations of accrued compensatory time sick, personal leave or vacation leave, in one (1)-hour increments, to another employee of the Agency who has exhausted all accumulated leave while the immediate family member as defined in Article 18, Section 4 or employee is recuperating or recovering from a catastrophic prolonged illness or injury. Donations shall be posted to the donee’s leave balance as needed. Donations not used will not be deducted from the donor's vacation leave balance.

Section 3.
Donations shall be credited at the donor's current regular hourly rate of pay.

Section 4.
Applicants for hardship leave shall apply in writing to the Agency HR Office or designee, accompanied by the treating physician's written statement certifying that the prolonged catastrophic illness or injury, or major medical treatment (i.e., chemotherapy) will continue after the employee is projected to exhaust all accumulated leave.

Section 5.
Upon determination that an employee's request satisfies "prolonged illness or injury" requirements, Agency approval shall be subject to availability of donations from Agency employees to cover all hardship leave costs. The Agency HR Office or designee shall initiate and collect donations on a form(s) the Agency provides. The donated leave received for the illness or injury may be used intermittently, as appropriate, for related medical appointments/treatments.

Section 6.
Employees on Workers' Compensation, or PERS retirement benefits shall not be eligible for hardship leave either as donors or donees.

Section 7.
The donor and recipient will hold the Employer harmless for any tax liabilities.

Section 8.
To donate to a specific employee in a different Agency, the employee (donor) must submit a written request to their 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.

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ARTICLE 28 - SAFETY AND HEALTH

Section 1.
It is further the intent of this Agreement that the parties will mutually strive to maintain a suitable and safe working environment for all employees. The employer agrees to abide
by standards of safety and health in accordance with Oregon Statutes and Administrative Rules. Issues arising under this Section are not arbitrable.

The Agency will give serious consideration to safety and health issues/recommendations received from the joint Labor/Management Committee or Safety Committee.

Section 2.
The OSFM shall provide and maintain necessary equipment, as determined by the OSFM, and shall make such equipment available to employees required to use such equipment.

Section 3.
The OSFM shall make available training to affected employees, as determined by the OSFM, in the use of required safety equipment necessary for the performance of assigned duties. Such required training shall be at OSFM expense.

Section 4. Respectful Workplace
A. The Employer is committed to taking appropriate measures to create and maintain a workplace that is respectful and free from inappropriate workplace behavior for all Agency employees pursuant to the statewide policy titled ‘Maintaining a Professional Workplace Policy’ (50.010.03).

B. If an Agency employee believes an Agency employee, supervisor or manager has violated the statewide policy titled ‘Maintaining a Professional Workplace’ (50.010.03), the employee shall submit a complaint pursuant to the process outlined in the policy. The Agency complaint form will be accessible to all employees both online and through the Agency’s Human Resources Office.

C. The employee may have a Union representative present during regular work hours when reporting inappropriate workplace behavior and through the process outlined in this section.

D. The Agency shall investigate the complaint and shall provide a written response to the employee filing the complaint within thirty (30) calendar days of the complaint being filed. When circumstances warrant it, the Agency may take additional time to complete the investigation in blocks of additional thirty (30) calendar days with notice to the Union. The response will include whether the complaint was substantiated and any relevant non confidential information pertaining to the remedial steps taken, if any. Repeated behavior or conduct shall be reported to the Agency Human Resource Office.

E. For purposes of this Section, the grievance procedure in Subsection 6 replaces the grievance procedure outlined in the local agreement.

F. 1. If the employee who filed the complaint believes that the Agency did not respond to the complaint or the complaint process was not followed, the Union, on behalf of the employee, may file a grievance directly with the Agency Head. The Agency Head or designee shall respond to the
2. If the employee continues to believe the Agency did not respond to the complaint or did not follow the complaint process, the Union, on behalf of the employee may, within fifteen (15) calendar days of the Agency Head or designee’s response, file the grievance with the Department of Administrative Services Labor Relations Unit. The grievance will be investigated and a response provided within thirty (30) calendar days from the date the grievance was appealed to the Department of Administrative Services.

3. If the Department of Administrative Services Labor Relations Unit’s response did not respond to the complaint or did not address whether the complaint process was followed, the Union may, within fifteen (15) calendar days, file an arbitration request with the Department of Administrative Services and send a copy to the Employment Relations Board asking for a list of seven (7) qualified arbitrators.

4. The arbitrator shall not have authority to impose any employment actions, including but not limited to discipline on any employee, supervisor or manager, transfer of any employee, supervisor or manager, reassign an employee, supervisor or manager to another work location or duties or otherwise affect staffing. In addition, the arbitrator shall not have authority to impose or establish any monetary penalties or costs, award front or back pay, issue any monetary damages for pain and suffering or stress related claims.

G. No employee shall be subject to retaliation for reporting or filing a complaint, providing a statement or otherwise participating in the administration of the statewide policy or grievance process outlined in this section. Reports of retaliation shall be reported to the Agency Human Resources Office.

ARTICLE 29 - 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 their 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 their rights under C below:

A. Require the contractor to hire employees displaced by the contract at the same rate of pay for a minimum of six (6) months subject only to “just cause” terminations. In this instance, the state will continue to provide each such employee with six (6) months of health and dental insurance coverage through the Public Employee Benefits Board, if continuation of coverage under the Bargaining Unit Benefits Board is allowed by law and pertinent rules of eligibility. Pursuant to Article 11, 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 9, Filling of Vacancies, this Article shall prevail.
C. An employee may exercise all applicable rights under Article 11, 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 CHRO 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.

ARTICLE 30 - RECOUPMENT 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 will notify the employee of the overpayment and establish an automatic repayment plan of five percent (5%) through payroll deduction. The employee may request an alternate method of repayment by contacting their Agency payroll manager. The Agency will not deduct overpayments via payroll deduction for overpayments dating more than twenty-four (24) months prior to the date the employee was notified.
2. 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.

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.

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 elsewhere in this Agreement.

**Section 3. Payroll Reconciliation.**
Section 1, subsections A.2, shall not apply to payroll adjustments necessitated by a discrepancy between actual hours of paid time versus hours projected for payroll purposes from one pay period to another. The employee's pay and benefit entitlements may be adjusted on the following month's paycheck.

**ARTICLE 31 - 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:
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 HR Office within fifteen (15) calendar days of written notification by the Agency of placement into the new class. Employees sharing the same or substantially similar position descriptions or employees the Agency agrees to treat as a group may file an appeal as a group. The initial filing should describe the individual or group, including the names of affected members, identify the proposed placement, and the placement believed to be correct by the affected employees. The appeal must include current, signed position descriptions. Because the old classifications are to be abolished, correct placement cannot be back to the prior classification.
The Agency shall conduct a review of the allocation using the following criteria:

1. The purpose of the job shall be determined by the statement of purpose and assigned duties of the position description and other relevant evidence of duties assigned by the Agency;

2. The concept of the proposed classification shall be determined by the general description and distinguishing features of its class specification; and

3. The overall duties, authority and responsibilities of the position shall be determined by the position description and other relevant evidence of duties assigned by the Agency. This decision shall be made within thirty (30) calendar days of receipt of the appeal and provided to the affected employees in writing and with a summary of the classification analysis.

B. If denied, the Union may appeal the Agency's decision in writing to the Labor Relations Unit within fifteen (15) calendar days of receipt of the written denial. The appeals will be considered by the Employer designee (or an alternate) and the Union designee (or an alternate) who shall form the committee charged with the responsibility to consider appeals and make decisions which maintain the integrity of the classification system by correctly applying the classification specifications. Additionally, the committee may utilize two (2) resource persons, one (1) designated by each party, to provide technical expertise concerning a specific series. The committee will attempt to resolve the matter by jointly determining whether the current or proposed class more accurately depicts the overall assigned duties, authorities and responsibilities of the position using the criteria specified above.

In this process each of the designees may identify one (1) alternate class that they determine 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 they conclude 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 32 - BILINGUAL DIFFERENTIAL**

Employees who demonstrate proficiency in Spanish, Russian, Vietnamese, Chinese and/or American Sign Language (ASL) will receive a differential of five percent (5%) to their base pay. Once the employee demonstrates the required proficiency, they will receive back pay to the date of their approved request for testing.

In addition to the above languages, a differential of five percent (5%) of their regular base pay will be paid to employees that demonstrate proficient use of bilingual skills when Management determines the need for such skills. Management will determine the appropriate proficiency level and the language.

*REV: 2019*

**ARTICLE 33 - OSFM-OWNED CLOTHING/COMMERCIAL LAUNDERING**

The OSFM agrees to provide commercial cleaning services for employees who are issued OSFM-owned clothing (e.g., coveralls, turnouts, wildland fire clothing, rain coats, etc.).

The OSFM agrees to reimburse employees for commercial cleaning expenses of OSFM-owned clothing and shall authorize reasonable on-duty time to establish and maintain such cleaning services. Receipts will be required prior to payment by the OSFM.

OSFM will reimburse employees for reasonable replacement costs for articles of clothing damaged while performing official field duties. To obtain such reimbursement the employee must submit a written request to management for approval, explaining how the damage occurred, along with the damaged item of clothing. A receipt for the replacement cost will be provided to management. It is not intended that this provision apply to normal wear and tear.

**ARTICLE 34 - 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 35 – INCLEMENT WEATHER/HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS LEAVE**

**Section 1.**

A. The Employer/Agency designated official(s) may close or curtail offices, facilities, or operations because of inclement/environmental weather, weather related or hazardous conditions, including shooter or threat of violence. 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 mass notification systems, 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. For purposes of this Article essential staff are those staff who cannot perform their core job duties or essential Agency functions from a remote work location. Essential staff/positions shall be designated by the Agency by November 1 of each year. Such designations may be modified with two (2) weeks advance notice to the affected employee(s). Essential staff who are required to report to work by the Employer/Agency shall be on approved leave without pay status if absent, unless the employee elects to use accrued leave. If an employee shows up within two (2) hours of their scheduled shift, subject to operating requirements and supervisory approval, they may make up the work time missed during the same workweek, provided work is available.

B. Where the Employer/Agency has announced a delayed opening pursuant to Section 1(A), 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 (2) 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, they may flex their time with manager’s approval, or cover the time with accrued sick leave, vacation, compensatory time off, personal leave or approved leave without pay.

C. When the Department of Administrative Services/Agency chooses to close an office or facility before the start of an employee’s work day the employee may with their manager’s approval:
   1. will work from home, or
   2. Work from an alternate work location that is no more than fifty (50) miles from their regular work location which has been identified by mutual agreement between the employee and the supervisor, or,

**Section 2. FLSA Non Exempt Employees Only.**

If no work is available or the employee is unable to work from home or alternate work location, the employee will:
1. Use accrued vacation hours, compensatory time off, personal leave time, leave without pay; or
2. Use inclement weather/hazardous conditions leave not to exceed forty (40) hours a biennium, or,
3. The employee may, with Agency prior approval, temporarily adjust their work hours during the same workweek to make up for hours not worked. The Agency shall not suffer any overtime or penalty payments as a result of this schedule change. The employee may be approved to flex their time to engage in training through the electronic employee training platform or other Agency approved resources remotely. Such approval will not be unreasonably denied. Employees engaging in these options will waive their shift differential for such time; or,
4. Complete supervisory approved remote training courses.

Once the forty (40) hours of inclement weather/hazardous conditions leave is used, and there are more Agency closures during the biennium, if unable to work remotely, the employee will use accrued vacation hours, personal leave or compensatory time off, leave without pay or, with prior Agency approval, temporarily adjust their work hours during the same workweek. The Agency shall not suffer any overtime or other penalty payments as a result of the change in schedule.

Section 3. FLSA Exempt Employees.
When the Employer/Agency notifies employees not to report to work pursuant to Section 1, prior to the beginning of the work shift, FLSA exempt employees shall be paid for the work shift. A FLSA-exempt employee may be required to use paid leave or leave without pay where the closure applies to that employee for one (1) or more full workweek(s).

Section 4.
Employees will not be eligible for inclement/hazardous conditions leave when their regular days off occur on a day the Agency closes an office or facility, or when the employee is on prescheduled leave.

Inclement weather/hazardous conditions leave shall not count as hours worked for the purpose of overtime calculation.

Inclement weather/hazardous conditions leave not used during the biennium will be lost and will not be rolled over into the next biennium. Inclement weather/hazardous conditions leave is not compensable if the employee separates from state service.

Part time employees will receive a prorated amount of inclement weather leave when applicable.

Section 5.
When in the judgment of the Employer/Agency, inclement/environmental weather or weather-related or hazardous conditions, including active shooter or threat of violence require the closing of the workplace following the beginning of an employee’s work shift, the employee shall be paid for the remainder of their work shift.
Section 6. 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. Employees who have been pre-approved to work remotely and unable to complete their assigned duties due to a loss of electricity or loss of the internet providers service due to inclement conditions will pursue alternative methods for completing their assigned duties. However, employees unable to work through an alternative method will be eligible for inclement conditions leave not to exceed the forty (40) hours a biennium.

Section 7. Late or Unable to Report.
Where the Agency remains open and an employee notifies their supervisors that they are unable to report to work, or will be late, due to inclement weather, weather-related, or hazardous conditions including active shooter or threat of violence, the employee shall be allowed to use accrued vacation leave, compensatory time off, personal leave or approved leave without pay. Where the Employer and the employee mutually agree, the employee may be permitted to flex their time.

Section 8. 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 9. 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 10.
Employees who are unable to report to work due to inclement weather and/or weather-related, or hazardous conditions including active shooter or threat of violence may be allowed to work from home with prior approval of their supervisor.

Section 11.
If the Employer/Agency anticipates the inclement condition will last longer than fourteen (14) calendar days, the Parties will meet and discuss impacts of the inclement weather and/or hazardous conditions.

ARTICLE 36 - AOC AND DRIVE TEAM DIFFERENTIALS

Section 1.
To receive the Agency Operation Center (AOC) or Drive Team Differential, employees must be assigned by OSFM management or agree when contacted by OSFM management, to work in the AOC or on the Drive Team. The differential will be paid for each hour or major portion thereof (i.e., thirty (30) minutes or more) worked at the AOC or actively driving to or returning vehicles from declared emergencies or conflagration as part of a Drive Team assignment between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 6 a.m. and for each
hour or major portion thereof worked on Saturday or Sunday. The amount of the AOC and Drive Team differentials is one dollar and fifty cents ($1.50) per hour. This differential shall apply if the employee is working regular hours or in over-time status.

Section 2.
OSFM management may request employees to act as on-call AOC Activation Team and Drive Team members. Employees accepting this duty will receive on-call duty pay as follows:

A. On-call duty 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 fewer than six (6) hours shall be paid on a prorated basis.

B. An employee shall be assigned on-call duty when specifically required to be available for work outside the employee’s working hours and not subject to restrictions which would prevent the employee from using the time while on-call effectively for the employee’s own purposes.

C. No employee is eligible for any premium pay compensation while assigned on-call duty.

D. On-call duty time shall not be counted as time worked in the computation of hours worked but on-call pay shall be included in the calculation of the overtime rate of pay.

E. An employee shall not be considered on-call once the employee actually commences performing assigned duties and receives the appropriate rate of pay for time worked.

F. The OSFM will schedule on-call for AOC Activation Teams and Drive Teams by April 1st of each year for weekends that fall within June 15th through September 15th. If the fifteenth (15th) of June falls on a weekend, that weekend will be scheduled with an activation team. The AOC Activation team will be taken off on-call status if the AOC is already open. An Activation Team and Drive Team will each consist of two (2) team members. Activation team and Drive Team members will be permitted to trade shifts with other respective team members upon approval of the Assistant Chief Deputy of Emergency Response Services Division or designee. Such approval will not be unreasonably denied.

G. When weekend on-call is needed, the OSFM will schedule Activation Team and Drive Team members beginning Friday at 4:00 p.m. or at the end of the employee’s workday, whichever is later, until Monday at 8:00 a.m. or the start of the employee’s work day whichever is earlier. Management will attempt to avoid scheduling back to back on-call shifts.

During holiday weekends when Monday is the holiday, on-call shifts will end on Tuesday at 8:00 a.m. or the start of the employee’s work day whichever is earlier. When Friday is the holiday, the on-call shift will begin on
Thursday at 4:00 p.m. or at the end of the employee's workday, whichever is later.

H. Nothing in this section precludes management from offering on-call as needed to address operational and emergent concerns. Activation Teams will not be scheduled for on-call if the AOC is scheduled to be open for a planned event.

REV: 2017, 2021

ARTICLE 37 - PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

If OSFM requires an employee to obtain a membership in a work-related organization, the cost of the membership shall be paid by OSFM.

ARTICLE 38 - VOLUNTARY MEDICAL SEPARATION

Section 1.
A regular status employee with a serious health condition who has exhausted all of their 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 they 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 they are fit to return to work full-time without restrictions.

b. The position the employee may be recalled back to is in the same classification they 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.

NEW: 2019

ARTICLE 39 – EXIT INTERVIEWS

A. If a regular status employee provides timely notice that they are voluntarily separating from Agency service, the Agency will offer an exit interview that focuses on the reason(s) for the employee leaving Agency service and what changes they recommend to the Agency to improve Agency operations, or,

B. A Department of Administrative Services written instrument.

C. Upon request, but no more than two (2) times a year, the Union can receive a report of the Department of Administrative Services written instrument results from employee feedback on their Agency experience.

NEW: 2019

ARTICLE 40 – AIR QUALITY

Section 1. The Air Quality Index (AQI) was developed by the US Environmental Protection Agency as an indicator of overall air quality and is based on the five (5) criteria pollutants regulated under the Clean Air Act: ground-level ozone, particulate matter, carbon monoxide, sulfur dioxide, and nitrogen dioxide. Employee exposure levels to wildfire smoke is determined by the current workplace ambient air concentration for particulate matter 2.5 (PM2.5), regardless of the concentrations for other pollutants.

Section 2. Outdoor Work and Air Quality.
Employees who are required to work outside when outdoor air concentration for PM2.5 reach at or above 55.5 ug/m³ (equivalent to an AQI at or above 151) will be provided with the appropriate OSHA recommended safety equipment.

Section 3.
When elevated AQI levels require a building closure or delayed opening, the Inclement Conditions/Hazardous Condition Leave will apply. All other provision of Article 35—Inclement Weather/Hazardous Conditions apply for elevated AQI which falls under a Hazardous Condition.

NEW: 2021

ARTICLE 41 - WORKING REMOTELY

Section 1.
Oregon state government encourages working remotely where it is a viable option that benefits both the employee and the agency. Use of remote work options promote the health and safety of Oregonians; ensures high-quality work and optimal use of resources for agencies; ensures cultural, equity and accessibility issues are addressed in a meaningful way; and supports flexibility and work-life balance for employees. It also offers the opportunity to be more flexible in interactions with the Oregonians we
serve and decreases an agency's impact on the environment. Remote work arrangements are subject to the State Policy 50.050.01 (Working Remotely) and the terms and conditions of this collective bargaining agreement.

Section 2.
Where all or a portion of an employee’s duties can be successfully performed away from their primary duty station, an employee is eligible for a remote work, upon agency approval.

Section 3. Remote Work Requests.
Requests to work remotely may be initiated by an employee and must be approved by the employee’s supervisor to ensure that all or a portion of the position’s duties are suitable for remote work and meets the agency’s business and operational needs, as well as those of the agency’s customers and the employee. Remote work agreements must be documented through the working remotely process in the state human resources information system. Remote work requests will not be unreasonably denied. Agency decisions will be made as soon as possible, but in no case more than thirty (30) days after the employee’s request. Where more than one (1) qualified employee requests remote work for a particular period of time and all requests cannot be accommodated, the remote work opportunities will be evenly distributed or rotated.

Section 4. Remote Work Denials or Rescissions.
If an employee’s request to work remotely is denied or rescinded, the supervisor must provide a timely written response to the employee documenting the reason(s) for the denial or rescission. Rescissions of remote work by the employer may be made with seven (7) days advance notice. The Agency or the employee may terminate individual agreements, in whole or in part, upon seven (7) days notice. Employees who have either rescinded their remote work or had their remote work rescinded by the employer shall be eligible to be considered for remote work in the future.

Section 5. Inclement conditions may arise in remote work locations.
If utility providers experience outages that prevent an employee from working, employees may access inclement weather/hazardous conditions leave, unless there is an alternate work location available.

Section 6.
A. Any alleged violations of this article may be appealed directly to the DAS Labor Relations Unit within thirty (30) days of the alleged violation. Such appeals are not arbitrable.
B. Any alleged violations of sections (3) or (4) of this article may be appealed directly to an appeal panel consisting of a representative of the DAS LRU and a Union designee. Decisions and remedies shall be rendered by the panel no later than thirty (30) days after receipt of the appeal by the panel. The decision and remedy are not arbitrable and will be binding on the parties. If no decision is rendered by the panel then the supervisor’s decision will stand.

Section 7. Equipment.
In the event of equipment malfunction or other circumstances which may interfere with the performance of work assignments, the employee shall promptly notify the
supervisor. The agency provides basic technology equipment and related devices necessary for the employee to perform their assigned job duties at the primary or alternate worksite. The equipment and devices are for agency business only and must comply with the agency’s desktop security and maintenance policies and practices. Employees will not conduct state business on the following personal equipment: phones, computers, laptops or other information storing devices. Exceptions are subject to the approval of the State Chief Operating Officer. Additional technology and devices may be provided to the employee at the discretion of the agency or in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Employees who work remotely will enter all assets (equipment, office furniture, etc.) provided to them in the state human resources information system.

**Section 8. Remote Work Supplies.**
Remote work office supplies shall be provided by the Agency. Equipment, software or supplies which are provided by the Agency for remote work shall be for the purposes of conducting Agency business only.

**Section 9. Remote Worksite.**
Office furniture shall normally be provided by the employee working remotely. Subject to management approval, employees working remotely may access the State surplus warehouse for office furniture for their remote work location. An ergonomic study may be requested by the employee or the supervisor.

The employee maintains a safe remote workspace. The employee must immediately report to the supervisor any injury that occurs during work hours. The state is not responsible for loss, damage, repair, replacement or wear of personal property.

SAIF or Agency safety representatives shall have reasonable access to the home worksite to conduct accident investigations or job site evaluations.

**Section 10. Work Location, Mileage and Travel Time.**
The employee’s central worksite will be assigned by the agency. In addition, employees may be required to report to Agency or non-Agency locations for purposes such as meetings, medical visits, training sessions and policy/practice coverage. Business visits, meetings with Agency customers or meetings with co-workers shall not be held at the remote worksite unless approved by the employee’s supervisor. Mileage will be paid in accordance with the DAS OAM Travel Policy. Travel time will be compensated in accordance with the Fair Labor and Standards Act (FLSA).

**Section 11. Expectations and Goals.**
Remote work employees and their managers will develop a clear set of expectations and goals for the work to be performed on remote work days. Such expectations may include checking E-Mail and voice-mail on a regular basis and returning phone calls in a timely manner. Employees will review and acknowledge the State of Oregon Employees Working Remotely Acknowledgement Form in the state human resources information system.
Section 12. Training.
Appropriate training will be provided for participating managers and employees.

Section 13. Other Provisions.
These provisions are applicable to all Sections listed above.
A. Call back and overtime will be handled as outlined in the applicable provisions of this collective bargaining agreement.
B. Since supervisors must continue to be in a position to evaluate employee performance, certify the accuracy of time sheets and attendance records, and perform a variety of other supervisory responsibilities, employees should anticipate that, in addition to being supervised pursuant to normal office procedures, there will also be the possibility that they will receive telephone calls at the phone number employees have designated in their remote work arrangement.
C. In the event of a work stoppage, remote work arrangements utilized by represented employees shall be suspended.
D. Members have the right to Union representation as enumerated in this collective bargaining agreement or as guaranteed by the law.
E. The Agency or the Union may initiate discussions with the other party to develop working groups to consider options relating to remote work.

NEW: 2021
LETTER OF AGREEMENT – ARTICLE 14 – WORK OUT OF CLASS

When an employee is in a work out of classification assignment, the employee will continue to receive step salary increases on their salary eligibility date and any applicable cost of living adjustments in their original classification. After an employee works out of class for eleven (11) consecutive months, the Employer will evaluate continuation of the assignment. If the assignment continues past twelve (12) months, the employee will receive the next step in the work out of class range. When the assignment ends, the employee will return to their original position and the corresponding rate of pay for that classification, with one (1) additional step on their next salary eligibility date.

This Letter of Agreement automatically sunsets June 30, 2023.
LETTER OF AGREEMENT – ARTICLE 23 - PART-TIME EMPLOYEES MEDICAL INSURANCE COMPUTATION AND SUBSIDY

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

For Plan Years 2021, 2022 and 2023 the Employer will pay ninety five percent (95%) and the employee will pay five percent (5%) of the monthly premium 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 of PEBB health, vision, dental and basic life insurance benefits and the employee shall pay the remaining one percent (1%).

For 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 calculated per Article 23, Section 2 (Insurance) as follows:

Part Time Employees Insurance:

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 coverage tier for Plan Years 2021, 2022 and 2023. The part time subsidy shall be determined by PEBB for each plan year.

The employee will pay the premium balance.
LETTER OF AGREEMENT – 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, 2023.
LETTER OF AGREEMENT – NEW EMPLOYEE NOTICE/UNION ACCESS

1. Notice
   a. The Employer shall provide the Union, in an editable digital file format, the following information for each employee quarterly:
      i. Employee name; date of hire; EIN
      ii. Contact information, including: cell, home and work telephone numbers (when available);
      iii. Means of electronic communication, including work, personal electronic mail address;
      iv. Home address or personal mailing address; and
      v. Department/Agency/Office, Job Classification, Job Title, base salary, and work site location.
   b. Each business day, the Employer shall provide a report of newly hired AFSCME represented workers as long as the new hire business process has been successfully completed in the business day prior.
   c. The State CHRO information unit will provide AFSCME with a report of new, terminated, retired or transferring employees in AFSCME covered positions no later than the 10th of each month.

2. New Employee Orientation
   a. Within the first ten (10) calendar days from the date of hire, the Union representative shall be granted thirty (30) minutes of paid time to meet with the new employees without loss of pay.
   b. Employees within their first ninety (90) calendar days of employment shall be allowed an additional sixty (60) minutes of paid time to meet with a Union representative for follow-up orientation issues without loss of pay.
LETTER OF AGREEMENT – STATE WORKER TRAINING FUND

The Parties recognize that both the State and its workers benefit from workers understanding their different health care options, understanding their retirement benefits and finding solutions to increase wellness and equity in the workplace.

Therefore, the State of Oregon, along with participating unions will work together to come up with creative and long-term solutions by working in collaboration to develop and deliver the trainings.

In order to accomplish these goals, the Parties will:

- Establish a State Worker Training and Education Fund ("State Worker Training Fund"), appoint the State Worker Fund governing board of trustees of ten (10) people with equal representation from union representatives and Employers, and hire a qualified leader ("Director") to report to such board of trustees.
  - Union Representatives will be split proportionally between participating labor unions.
- Fund the start-up of the State Worker Training Fund from October 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020. The start-up will be funded by an Agency assessment of one cent ($0.01) per hour per employee of straight-time worked that would be due to the trust no later than October 1, 2019 in order to hire a director and choose one (1) or two (2) pilot locations to learn and adjust a roll out of a statewide plan. Ongoing, State Worker Training Fund will be funded two cents ($0.02) per hour worked, including all paid leaves, per employee starting July 1, 2020 with a goal of the training and resources being available statewide by January 1, 2021. Agencies can pay monthly. At a minimum, per hour payments will be paid quarterly.
  - Agencies with under fifty (50) employees shall not make per hour payments.

The State Worker Training Fund will develop a plan to deliver trainings and programs on:

- PEBB and PERS. The PEBB and PERS training will be mandatory for new hires and the PEBB training will be offered within fourteen (14) days of a new hire. When possible, employees’ will sign up for their health insurance after going through the PEBB training.
- Organizational Equity and Inclusion. Creating trainings focused on ensuring nondiscrimination and best practices to equity and inclusion in the workplace.
- Wellness. The wellness initiatives should focus on agencies where there are clear challenges identified by management and bargaining unit. The trust shall identify one (1) Agency to pilot the wellness initiative.
- After a program is developed for the first three (3) stated goals, the Board of Trustees will discuss other programs that potentially meet goals identified by the State and the Unions.

Timeline:
By October 1, 2019, each Party shall bind itself to the Trust Fund Agreement(s). The Trust Agreement will include:

- How trustees are appointed and removed
- Terms of a trustee’s appointment
- Quorum requirements
• Meeting requirements
• Powers/ability to call a special meeting of the board
• Votes and quorum requirements
• Liability provisions
• Specific provisions outlining the necessary authority for the trustees to manage and administer the State Worker Training Fund and Program
• Investment provisions
• Investment standards
• Enforcement mechanisms for the Contribution Agreement
• Specific provisions outlining terms for amendments, mergers, termination of the trust
• Establishing benchmarks and metrics. The Trust will produce an annual progress report beginning June 2021 that includes an operating plan for the upcoming year and a report back on the operating benchmarks and metrics for approval by the State’s CCO and the Unions’ Executive Director.

By December 1, 2019 the Parties will use best efforts within the legal framework of the Trust Board to adopt a detailed plan for Training Fund operation, including establishing specific training objectives, performance benchmarks, expected outcomes, and hire a Director.

By February 1, 2020 the trust will set up a minimum of one (1) pilot and a goal of two (2) based on budget and plan.
LETTER OF AGREEMENT – CONTRACT SPECIALIST

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

The purpose of this Agreement is to establish Employer paid Contract Specialists to improve labor/management relationship at all levels of state government.

The Parties agree to the following:

Selection and Appointment of Contract Specialists:
A. The appointment of a full time Contract Specialist shall be authorized only from Agencies that currently have fifty (50) or more bargaining unit FTE positions.
B. The selection and appointment of a Contract Specialist shall be mutually agreed upon by the Employer and Union.
C. The Union may have no more than one (1) Contract Specialist for every two thousand (2,000) FTE bargaining unit positions from Agencies that are within the jurisdiction of the AFSMCE Central Table and Department of Corrections.
D. The duration of a Contract Specialist shall be mutually agreed upon by the Employer and Union.
E. The Parties shall establish an agreement which shall be signed by all Parties stipulating to the terms and conditions of the Contract Specialist assignment.
F. Employees selected as Contract Specialist must maintain all necessary certifications, licensures and training requirements of their Agency position with costs and reimbursements if applicable governed under the Agreement.
G. While the State is the Employer of record, the Union has the sole control, oversight and direction of employees appointed as Contract Specialists. Therefore, the Union shall indemnify and save the Employer harmless from any and all costs, should any arise, associated with actions taken by the Contract Specialist on behalf of the Union.
H. In the event the Employer/Agency determines a Contract Specialist is potentially violating law or not complying with Employer/Agency policies or the local Agency Collective Bargaining Agreement, the Agency shall immediately notify the Union. The Agency shall investigate the matter and take action as necessary consistent with the local Agency Collective Bargaining Agreement including disciplinary action. Before any Agency action is taken, the Union may remove the employee from the assigned worksites.

Pay and Benefits:
A. The Agency shall continue to pay salary and benefits which includes pension contribution, insurance and paid leave time consistent with what they earned before their appointment. Employees appointed as a Contract Specialist shall not be eligible for reimbursement for uniforms, boots or other ancillary items while serving as a Contract Specialist the specifics which will be noted in the employee’s Contract Specialist agreement.
B. Contract Specialists shall submit monthly timesheets recording a maximum of forty (40) hours of work each week. The timesheet shall be signed and verified by the
Executive Director or designee of the Union. All leave taken, regardless of type, must be clearly identified.

C. The Agency shall place the Contract Specialist on leave with pay for the duration of the assignment. The calculation of seniority shall be consistent with the terms of the applicable local Agency Collective Bargaining Agreement.

D. Where the Union has designated Contract Specialist, the Agency shall pay up to eighty-five thousand ($85,000) a year for the Contract Specialist which includes pay and benefits. Any costs above eighty-five thousand ($85,000) per year shall be paid by the Union by reimbursing the Agency using Agency established policies and procedures for reimbursement.

E. The Agency shall not be liable for any overtime costs while the Contract Specialist is on assignment with the Union.

**Travel and Reimbursements:**

A. Time spent traveling on behalf of the Union shall be on Agency time.

B. The Union shall be responsible for all travel expenses including but not limited to mileage, lodging, meals and other incidental travel expenses.

C. Contract Specialists shall not use or be assigned a state car for travel.

**Duties:**

A. The Contract Specialist, DAS Labor Relations Unit and Agency Human Resources staff shall work cooperatively when performing the following duties:

1. Interpret and administer the local Agency Collective Bargaining Agreement.
2. Education on the local Agency Collective Bargaining Agreement.
3. Provide guidance in grievance and problem resolution.
4. Improve steward capacity.
5. Work toward consistent application of the local Agency Collective Bargaining Agreement.
6. Provide guidance on developing and improving labor/management committees.
7. Participate in new employee orientation as provided for in the local Agency Collective Bargaining Agreement.

B. If a DOJ attorney is appointed to serve as a Contract Specialist, the attorney shall stipulate in the signed agreement that they will not practice law as that term is used in law and Oregon State Bar rules, regulations, official opinions and decisions.

C. The Contract Specialist shall follow all applicable Employer and Agency policies while serving in the capacity of a Contract Specialist.

D. The Contract Specialist shall not be assigned duties that involve strike preparation, strike planning, strike coordination activities or interest arbitration preparation.

**Dispute Resolution:**

Notwithstanding any agreements that include grievance/arbitration procedure, if there is a disagreement between the Employer and the Union regarding the interpretation and application of this Letter of Agreement, the Employer and Union shall meet and attempt to resolve the matter. If, after fourteen (14) calendar days there no resolution, the moving party may request arbitration. The Parties shall use the arbitration procedure outlined in the agreement where the employee is employed.

**Indemnification:**
The Union shall indemnify and the Union and Contract Specialists hold the Employer and 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 this Letter of Agreement on Contract Specialists.

The Union shall not indemnify the Employer/Agency for grievance/arbitration disputes.

**Term of Agreement:**
This Agreement becomes effective on the date of the last signature and ends on June 30, 2023 unless renewed by the Parties or the Parties agree to amend its provisions.
LETTER OF AGREEMENT – LIMITED DURATION POSITIONS (2021)

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

The purpose of this Agreement is to ensure regular status employees who apply and are selected for one (1) of the newly established limited duration positions (established during the January 2020 Emergency Board) have return rights to their prior position should the limited duration appointment not become permanent. This Letter of Agreement shall only apply to Limited Duration positions approved by the January 8, 2021 Emergency Board.

Section 1.
Regular status employees may be hired for a limited duration position, approved by the Legislative E-Board on January 8, 2021, which are potentially subject to permanent funding during the 2021 Legislative Session. Such positions shall be for a stated period and may expire upon the earlier termination of the limited duration position unless funded by Legislative process.

Section 2. Appointment
A. An employee initially hired to State government on a limited duration status in this Agency is not entitled to layoff rights during such appointment.
B. An employee hired from a regular status position within the Agency to a limited duration position in the OSFM shall be reinstated as a provided under their respective Collective Bargaining Agreement or will have return rights subject to State HR Policy 40.025.02. Such reinstatements in the Agency, shall not apply if they are discharged as provided in Article 6 - Discipline, Discharge and Grievance Procedure.

1. Reinstatement for a Regular Status AFSCME Council 75, Local 896 Employee
   i. Employees appointed form a regular status position represented by AFSCME Council 75, Local 896 to a limited duration position within OSFM as established during the January 8, 2021, will have reinstatement rights in accordance with Article 12 – Trial Service of the Local 896 Collective Bargaining Agreement.

2. Reinstatement for a Regular Status Management Service Employee
   i. Employees appointed from a regular status management service position to a limited duration position within OSFM as established during the January 8, 2021, will have return rights subject to State HR Policy 40.025.02 regarding Limited Duration Appointments.

3. Reinstatement for Regular Status AFSCME Council 75, Local 3765 Employee
   i. Employees appointed form a regular status position represented by AFSCME Council 75, Local 3765 to a limited duration position as established during the January 8, 2021 Emergency Board will be returned to their former regular status position within OSFM as provided by this LOA.
C. Should the limited duration position become permanent the incumbent employee shall have the option to continue in the current position or be reinstated as provided in Section 2. B of this LOA.

Section 3. Ending Limited Duration Appointment
A person accepting a limited duration position shall be notified of the conditions of the position and acknowledge in writing that they accept that position under these conditions. Such notification shall include the following:
A. That the position is of limited duration.
   1. The Agency will notify the Union when the Agency receives permanent funding for the limited duration positions that are occupied. Employees occupying these positions shall be considered as selected into the position provided they were competitively hired into the limited duration positions.
B. A regular status employee within OSFM who accepts a limited duration position shall have layoff rights under Article 11 - Layoff. A regular status employee within the Agency selected to a limited duration position within OSFM as established during the January 8, 2021, they will have layoff rights as provided in their respective Collective Bargaining Agreement or subject to State HR Policy regarding Management Layoffs.
C. That in all other respects, limited duration appointees have all rights and privileges of other classified employees including but not limited to wages, benefits and Union representation under this Agreement.

This Letter of Agreement shall sunset on June 30, 2023.
LETTER OF AGREEMENT – WORKING REMOTELY

Section 1.
This Letter of Agreement addresses the minimum expectations for remote work at the request of an employee. Nothing in this Letter of Agreement precludes the Agency from requiring or permitting an employee to work remotely more often than what is discussed below. The Agency and the Union agree the guiding basis for implementation of this Letter of Agreement is the mission and Operational needs of the Agency.

Section 2.
After completion of initial trial service with the Agency, employees are presumptively eligible to work remotely subject to all of the following:
1. Completion of a remote work agreement.
2. Satisfactory performance.
3. The employee’s supervisor has determined that all or a portion of the employee’s duties can be successfully performed away from their primary duty station.
4. Availability of remote work supplies such as laptops and cell phones.
5. Ability to meet all network security protocols while working remotely.

Employees approved to work remotely must work a minimum of one (1) day per week in their assigned office location. The supervisor/manager may require additional work days in the office due to operational needs.

Based on operational needs, the supervisor/manager may allow an employee to work remotely more than four (4) days per week and/or prior to completion of trial service.

Section 3.
An employee may lose their remote work schedule if they are subject to discipline under Article 22 of this Agreement or formal corrective action including a work plan. If there are significant changes to the employee’s assigned duties then the supervisor will conduct a review to determine if the duties are suitable for remote work.

Section 4.
When an employee is working remotely, the employee is expected to be as available for calls, emails, and other communication at the remote worksite as the employee would be if scheduled to work in the office. When in-person trainings or meetings are required on a day when the employee is scheduled to work remotely, there is no automatic right to switch remote-work days. However, an employee may request to work remotely on an alternate day.

Section 5.
Remote work requests will not be denied arbitrarily or unreasonably. Agency decisions will be made as soon as possible, but in no case more than thirty (30) days after the employee’s request. An employee who is denied permission to work remotely may appeal the decision to the labor management committee, who will be consensus consider the merits of the request and the denial. This Section does not apply to denials or rescissions resulting from discipline or being on a work plan.
This Letter of Agreement becomes effective upon ratification of the local agreement and expires June 30, 2023 unless renewed by the Parties or the Parties agree to amend its provisions.
LETTER OF AGREEMENT – ESSENTIAL WORKER INCLEMENT WEATHER/HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS PAY

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

The Parties agree to the following:

When a situation exists that would otherwise allow state employees to access Inclement Weather/Hazardous Conditions Leave, but if an employee is required to report to work in person, the employee shall be paid a differential of one dollar ($1.00) per hour for actual hours worked.

Staff working at agencies with 24/7 operations that are not curtailed shall receive the Essential Worker Inclement Weather/Hazardous Conditions Pay benefits when any state agency offices are closed or are closed to the public due to inclement weather/hazardous conditions within the county of their worksite. For 24/7 operations, if inclement weather occurs on a weekend (and would normally result in a closure of a state agency office in the county of their worksite during Monday through Friday), staff shall receive the Essential Worker Inclement Weather/Hazardous Conditions Pay.
LETTER OF AGREEMENT – NATURAL DISASTER LEAVE

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

This Letter of Agreement shall supersede any conflicting provisions in the collective bargaining agreements for the duration of the Letter of Agreement.

We recognize that state of Oregon employees provide essential services and benefits to Oregonians every day. Their work is often the last or only option for support when Oregonians are faced with an emergency.

1. An employee who, due to a natural disaster, has:
   a. lost their home (primary residence);
   b. lost use of their primary residence (deemed uninhabitable); or
   c. lost access to their primary residence,
   shall be eligible for a maximum of eighty (80) hours of paid administrative leave, prorated for part-time employees. This leave will be available for intermittent use.

2. Employees who have used the eighty (80) hours of paid administrative leave identified in #1 may request donated leave. Donated leave received will not exceed the amount needed to cover the absence. Donators may donate their accrued vacation or compensatory leave.

This Letter of Agreement will sunset on June 30, 2023, unless extended by mutual agreement.
LETTER OF AGREEMENT – PAYROLL COMPUTATION PROCEDURES

This Letter of Agreement is entered into between the State of Oregon by the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) and AFSCME Council 75 (Union).

The State Of Oregon is continuing the modernization effort of replacing their legacy systems, including the current payroll and time tracking systems. The Payroll and Time Tracking Replacement Project has identified July 1, 2022 as the projected “go-live” date of transitioning to the modernized system.

The purpose of this Agreement is to create a statewide joint labor-management committee to explore the impact on employees of the transition to a new payroll system. The committee may make recommendations or develop a report on their findings. Any recommendations or changes to mandatory subjects of bargaining will be brought to the successor bargaining or interim bargaining as appropriate.

Current timing of paychecks and rate of pay will be maintained.
LETTER OF AGREEMENT – PANDEMIC RECOGNITION PAY

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

In recognition employees were asked to take greater personal risks during the COVID-19 pandemic by being required to show up to work in person while some employees were able to work remotely, the Parties agree to the following:

Employees designated as frontline workers between March 2020 and June 2021 will receive a one-time payment based on the following criteria:

1) Frontline worker definition: A frontline worker is someone who has a job that puts the individual at higher risk for contracting COVID-19 because of:

   ● Regular close contact with others outside of their household (less than six (6) feet); and
   ● Routine (more than fifteen (15) minutes per person(s)) close contact with others outside of their household; and
   ● They cannot perform their job duties from home or another setting that limits the close or routine contact with others outside of their household.

2) Payments will be made as follows:
   a. Frontline workers who worked between four hundred and eighty (480) non-telecommuting hours to one thousand and thirty-nine (1,039) non-telecommuting hours will receive a one-time payment of one thousand fifty dollars ($1,050). Regular hours count towards the non-telecommuting hours.
   b. Frontline workers who worked one thousand forty (1,040) non-telecommuting hours or more will receive a one-time payment of one thousand five hundred fifty dollars ($1,550). Regular hours count towards the non-telecommuting hours.
   c. In addition to qualifying for one (1) of the above two (2) payments, recognition will be provided to frontline workers who worked two hundred (200) or more overtime hours during this period with an additional one-time payment of five hundred seventy-five dollars ($575).

3) Payments issued through this Letter of Agreement will be considered wages for tax purposes and are PERS subject.
LETTER OF AGREEMENT – STATE POLICY 50.050.01 WORKING REMOTELY
UPDATES

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

The Parties acknowledge that nothing in this Agreement shall constitute a waiver of any Party’s rights, claims or defenses with respect to mandatory subjects of bargaining and the impacts of changes to the state policy 50.050.01 Working Remotely policy.

This Agreement becomes effective on the date of the last signature below and ends June 30, 2023.
LETTER OF AGREEMENT – CHILDCARE AND ELDERCARE EXPLORATORY COMMITTEE

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

The purpose of this Agreement is to create a statewide joint labor-management committee to explore the significant impact that a local of access to affordable child care and elder care has on working parents and families.

This exploratory committee will determine the feasibility of establishing a childcare/eldercare fund to help offset the cost of dependent care for State employees.

The committee will produce a report that contains the committee’s recommendations for how the State can support employees’ needs for dependent care.

The committee will be comprised of equal numbers of union and management representatives. AFSCME will appoint three (3) members to the committee. Participants on the Committee will be on paid status and shall be reimbursed for authorized travel expenses as per State Travel Policy. Agencies will not incur any overtime as a result of Committee meetings or travel. Flexing schedules will be allowed to avoid overtime.

That State will assign staff to support and facilitate work of the advisory committee.

The committee will convene no later than six (6) months after the effective date of the contract. The committee will complete their work by December 31, 2022.
LETTER OF AGREEMENT – PAY EQUITY ADJUSTMENTS

This Agreement is entered into by the State of Oregon, acting through its Department of Administrative Services, Labor Relations Unit (Employer), on behalf of the Agencies covered by this Agreement (Agency) and the AFSCME Council 75 (Union).

This Agreement applies to all of the Union’s bargaining units inside of the executive branch of state government.

The purpose of this Agreement is to provide procedures to implement unscheduled pay equity adjustments consistent with Oregon law, and, to identify the appeal procedure to for Agency or Employer decisions concerning pay equity reviews.

The Parties agree to the following:

1. Application to Current Employees: The Employer, an Agency Head or designee (with CHRO approval) may provide an unscheduled salary step increase to correct a pay inequity between employees who perform work of a comparable character and are similarly-situated based on relevant factors, identified in Oregon Revised Statute [ORS 652.220(2)], by which individual employees may be compensated differently. Unscheduled salary step increases may be initiated by:
   (a) Periodic statewide equal pay analysis (appeal process section 10)
   (b) Employee request (appeal process section 9)
   (c) Agency identified inequity (appeal process section 9)

2. Application to Returning Employees (including but not limited to reemployment and return from layoff): An Agency Head or designee may offer a higher step than prescribed in the applicable labor agreement when the Agency identifies a pay inequity between employees in the same classification who perform work of a comparable character.

3. If an Agency plans to grant an unscheduled salary step increase to an employee(s), the Agency shall first forward the recommendation to CHRO, Classification & Compensation for review and analysis. The CHRO shall approve or disapprove the Agency recommendation and shall provide a written response back to the Agency. If approved, the Agency may take action to implement the pay equity adjustment.

4. An employee may request a pay equity review by submitting a Pay Equity Review Request Form to the Agency Human Resource Department. The Agency Human Resource Department shall review the merits of the request based on the relevant factors and issue a written decision within sixty (60) calendar days, unless otherwise mutually agreed upon in writing.

5. Pay equity adjustments are generally effective on the date an employee made a written request to the Agency or the date the Agency submitted a request to DAS Classification and Compensation, whichever is earlier.
6. In the event an employee receives an unscheduled salary step adjustment for any of the reasons identified in Section 1, the employee’s salary eligibility date shall remain the same.

7. Agencies and CHRO shall retain all documents pertaining to decisions involving pay equity.

8. If the employee meets with the Agency or Employer, the employee may request and obtain Union representation.

9. Appeal Procedure Agency-Level Pay Equity Decisions
   (a) If the employee disagrees with the Agency’s decision the employee may submit a written appeal to the Department of Administrative Services Labor Relations Unit (LRU) no later than fifteen (15) calendar days from receipt of the Agency’s decision. The employee shall forward all written documents as part of the appeal. The employee shall identify the factors outlined in ORS 652.220(2) the Agency did not properly consider. The Department of Administrative Services Labor Relations Unit (LRU) shall respond to the appeal in writing within thirty (30) calendar days.
   (b) Pay equity appeals are not subject to arbitration. However, nothing in this Agreement precludes the employee from submitting a claim to the Bureau of Labor and Industries (BOLI) in accordance with BOLI’s administrative rules or pursuing other legal recourse. The timelines for filing with BOLI or pursuing other legal recourse apply regardless of whether the employee appeals the decision under this section.
   (c) For purposes of this Agreement only, the appeal process in this Agreement replaces the grievance procedure outlined in the applicable labor agreement covering the employee.
   (d) The Employer and Union may agree to an extensions of time in this Agreement upon mutual agreement in writing.

10. Appeal Procedure – DAS Statewide Equal Pay Analysis Decisions
    (a) An employee may appeal the Employer’s decision concerning the employee’s salary that resulted from a statewide equal pay analysis. The appeal must be based on one or more of the factors listed in ORS 652.220(2).
    (b) An appeal of the Employer’s equal pay analysis decision may be filed by sending a completed DAS Pay Equity Appeal Form via electronic mail to CHRO.CNC@das.Oregon.gov no later than fifteen (15) calendar days from the date the employee receives notification of the equal pay analysis results. The Employer shall make a good faith effort to respond with a decision regarding the employee’s appeal within one hundred and twenty (120) calendar days.
    (c) The timelines for filing with BOLI or pursuing other legal recourse apply regardless of whether the employee appeals the Employer’s decision under this section.
    (d) Pay adjustments made as a result of accepted appeals shall be made retroactively to January 1, 2022.
(e) To be eligible to file an appeal of the DAS statewide equal pay analysis decision an employee must have been employed by a state executive branch agency as of July 1, 2021. Employees who do not meet this eligibility requirements may pursue an appeal through Section 4 of this Agreement.

(f) Employees at the top step of the salary range assigned to their job classification on or before January 1 2022, are not eligible to file an appeal.

(g) The Employer shall notify an employee in writing of the outcome of the employee’s appeal, including reasons for the decision.

(h) If the employee disagrees with the Employer’s response, the employee may submit a claim to the Bureau of Labor and Industries or pursue other legal recourse. Pay equity appeals are not subject to arbitration.

(i) For purposes of this Agreement only, the appeal procedure in this Agreement replaces the grievance procedure outlined in the applicable labor agreement covering the employee.

11. This Agreement becomes effective on the date of the last signature below and expires June 30, 2023.
## APPENDIX A - CLASSIFICATION PLAN

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