



AEE Political Action Committee

2022 General Election Candidate Survey Report

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Introduction

Survey Questions

The AEE Political Action Committee (PAC) formulated a list of ten (10) survey questions. Of these questions, 9 are close-ended (Support / Oppose or Yes/No) responses, each with additional comments (up to 4,000 characters) so the candidate could provide comments that show their strength of their response, or conditions that must exist to hold that position, or provide other opinions on the given topic. Our list of questions is as follows:

1. HB2017 just hit it's 5-year milestone, should the State Secretary audit the bill to compare the costs between internal and external project delivery?
2. Are you in favor of outsourcing work and projects to private consultants to perform routine and essential ODOT, ODF and OPRD functions?
3. ODOT has internally committed to a target of 70% outsourced Project Delivery work. Do you support the agency's outsourcing goal? Would you support change if the cost to design projects increased due to this outsourcing target?
4. Based on the current inflation, do you support or oppose a wage increase for public employees?
5. Do you support or oppose continued reforms to PERS?
6. Do you support full time remote work for State employees?
7. Do you support or oppose funding new Engineering positions to assist with the delivery of transportation projects?
8. ODOT Operational revenue will be in a deficit by 2024. What will you do to keep the State Highway Fund sustainable for the operational needs of ODOT and indirect costs for Engineering and Project Delivery staff?
9. Do you support or oppose the right of public employees to strike?
10. Do you support or oppose requiring the PEBB board to be more responsive to the health care needs of the public employees they serve?

Of these questions, only question 8 did not have an "additional comments" option because it is an open-ended question.

Candidate Information

Qualifying candidate information including name, position, area, party, and email was provided by the Oregon Secretary of State ORESTAR system that contains all state candidate filings.

Survey System

The system used to collect candidate responses was a Software As A Service (SAAS) provider named Survey Methods (www.surveymethods.com). The survey was constructed with the following rules:

1. All questions had to be answered (except for optional additional comments).
2. Only candidates who were invited could answer.
 - a. Unique web links would be sent to each candidate to enter the survey
 - b. Once a survey was completed, it could not be re-entered.
3. Candidates would be allowed to enter responses into the survey for 20 days (Sept 30th through Oct 19th)
4. For respondents who had not provided responses, reminder emails would be sent on a scheduled basis.

Candidate Responses

Of the 196 candidates who were invited, 38 completed the survey by the close of our survey.

For candidates who answered the survey, full questions with the candidates' responses as entered are provided. Some candidates who did not complete the survey either responded directly or through a campaign representative saying they would or would not complete the survey, and for which reasons. These are included in lieu of survey responses. For candidates that did not complete the survey who also did not respond, they are listed simply, (No Response Received), (Opted Out) if they chose to opt out of our survey all together, or (Email Response Received) if they sent only an email without completing the survey.

Federal

US Representative

Christopher A Mann (Republican) – 1st District

Question 1: HB2017 just hit it's 5-year milestone, should the State Secretary audit the bill to compare the costs between internal and external project delivery?

Answer: Yes

Additional Comment(s): As a former member of the military working with budgets and contracts, there always need to be reviews and oversight. The government has not shown commitment to being good stewards of the taxpayer dollars.

Question 2: Are you in favor of outsourcing work and projects to private consultants to perform routine and essential ODOT, ODF and OPRD functions?

Answer: Yes

Additional Comment(s): I believe the people need more power to evaluate the job the government is doing. If the government operated responsibly there should be no need to not being an open book when it comes the publics questions.

Question 3: ODOT has internally committed to a target of 70% outsourced Project Delivery work. Do you support the agency's outsourcing goal? Would you support change if the cost to design projects increased due to this outsourcing target?

Answer: Support

Additional Comment(s): as long as every contractor had been properly vetted and they can meet the standards as agreed to in the contracts.

Question 4: Based on the current inflation, do you support or oppose a wage increase for public employees?

Answer: Support

Additional Comment(s): As more money comes into play, so should the quality of the public employee. In any job a raise should be just given. There should be bi-annual evaluations and if they have favorable evals then the raises would be appropriate.

Question 5: Do you support or oppose continued reforms to PERS?

Answer: Support

Additional Comment(s):

Question 6: Do you support full time remote work for State employees?

Answer: Yes

Additional Comment(s): As long as the same amount of work is getting done. We do not need any more reasons why government agencies cannot meet the demand of the people.

Question 7: Do you support or oppose funding new Engineering positions to assist with the delivery of transportation projects?

Answer: Yes

Additional Comment(s): I believe if there is a clear need that would increase the job the city does it should be created. This does not leave an open door for new positions every time the current staff is under performing.

Question 8: ODOT Operational revenue will be in a deficit by 2024. What will you do to keep the State Highway Fund sustainable for the operational needs of ODOT and indirect costs for Engineering and Project Delivery staff?

Answer: At the federal level I will do what the current Oregon politicians are not doing in DC representing Oregon. It is insulting as a taxpayer to hear that federal bridges and highways have been ignored for so long. If the talking points of the infrastructure bill are accurate, then our politicians have not been paying attention to our state.

Question 9: Do you support or oppose the right of public employees to strike?**Answer:** Oppose**Additional Comment(s):** The public is paying their salaries and every time there are work stoppages it creates backlogs and timely response to our needs are not met. As we have seen these backlogs do not appear to get resolved.**Question 10: Do you support or oppose requiring the PEBB board to be more responsive to the health care needs of the public employees they serve?****Answer:** Support**Additional Comment(s):** If any one's health care needs are not being taken care of, the agencies should be held accountable.**Suzanne Bonamici (Democrat / Working Families) – 1st District****No response.****Cliff S Bentz (Republican) – 2nd District****No response.****David E Delk (Independent / Pacific Green / Progressive) – 3rd District****Question 1: HB2017 just hit its 5-year milestone, should the State Secretary audit the bill to compare the costs between internal and external project delivery?****Answer:** Yes**Additional Comment(s):** I don't know what HB2017 is, when it was passed. I can assume that it passed in Oregon legislature. Since I am running for fed office, I would not be able to affect this piece; however, in general I feel that audits at reasonable time after passage of legislation is always an excellent practice.**Question 2: Are you in favor of outsourcing work and projects to private consultants to perform routine and essential ODOT, ODF and OPRD functions?****Answer:** No**Additional Comment(s):** Work that the state can do itself is, in my mind, is always best done by the state with state workers, preferable with union workers. Unions are there to protect the interests and well being of workers, seeing that they receive a fair wage and benefits healthcare especially. Private consultants and contractors are not looking out for their workers or for the public interest,**Question 3: ODOT has internally committed to a target of 70% outsourced Project Delivery work. Do you support the agency's outsourcing goal? Would you support change if the cost to design projects increased due to this outsourcing target?****Answer:** Oppose**Additional Comment(s):** Do you support the agency's outsourcing goal? NO.

Would you support change if the cost to design projects increased due to this outsourcing target?
 Yes, increasing project costs suggests that the method is not using the best methods for getting work done economically. And if you consider that increased costs due to private contractors not providing full benefits to workers generally, the uneconomic nature of this is further exposed.

Note you asked two questions. The answer to each is not necessarily the same.

Question 4: Based on the current inflation, do you support or oppose a wage increase for public employees?**Answer:** Support**Additional Comment(s):** At min., wages should always increase to match or exceed the rate of inflation.

Question 5: Do you support or oppose continued reforms to PERS?

Answer: Oppose

Additional Comment(s): Some changes might be warranted but some changes need to be viewed with the highest level of doubt. Generally without looking at details, I would oppose "reforms" to PERS>

Question 6: Do you support full time remote work for State employees?

Answer: No

Additional Comment(s): I will reserve judgement until I know more of what this concept is. I have never heard of this.

Question 7: Do you support or oppose funding new Engineering positions to assist with the delivery of transportation projects?

Answer: Yes

Additional Comment(s):

Question 8: ODOT Operational revenue will be in a deficit by 2024. What will you do to keep the State Highway Fund sustainable for the operational needs of ODOT and indirect costs for Engineering and Project Delivery staff?

Answer: No response. Again, I am running for a federal office, not a state office, and my thought will have no bearing on this.

I am a big supporter of increased federal funds for infrastructure projects.

Question 9: Do you support or oppose the right of public employees to strike?

Answer: Support

Additional Comment(s): BIG SUPPORT. All employees, public or private should always have the option of striking if they feel the conditions will only improve by striking. The right to strike is foundational to the rights of ALL workers.

Question 10: Do you support or oppose requiring the PEBB board to be more responsive to the health care needs of the public employees they serve?

Answer: Support

Additional Comment(s):

Earl Blumenauer (Democrat) – 3rd District

No response.

Joanna Harbour (Republican) – 3rd District

No response.

Alek Skarlatos (Republican) – 4th District

No response.

Jim Howard (Constitution) – 4th District

No response.

Levi Leatherberry (Independent / Libertarian) – 4th District

No response.

Mike Beilstein (Pacific Green / Progressive) – 4th District

No response.

Val Hoyle (Democrat / Working Families) – 4th District

No response.

Jamie McLeod-Skinner (Democrat / Independent / Working Families) – 5th District

Question 1: HB2017 just hit it's 5-year milestone, should the State Secretary audit the bill to compare the costs between internal and external project delivery?

Answer: Yes

Additional Comment(s): This will help determine how much work is being contracted out. We need to ensure sufficient staffing of our public agencies.

Question 2: Are you in favor of outsourcing work and projects to private consultants to perform routine and essential ODOT, ODF and OPRD functions?

Answer: No

Additional Comment(s):

Question 3: ODOT has internally committed to a target of 70% outsourced Project Delivery work. Do you support the agency's outsourcing goal? Would you support change if the cost to design projects increased due to this outsourcing target?

Answer: Oppose

Additional Comment(s):

Question 4: Based on the current inflation, do you support or oppose a wage increase for public employees?

Answer: Support

Additional Comment(s):

Question 5: Do you support or oppose continued reforms to PERS?

Answer: Oppose

Additional Comment(s):

Question 6: Do you support full time remote work for State employees?

Answer: No

Additional Comment(s): Unions should be allowed to bargain over the terms of remote work.

Question 7: Do you support or oppose funding new Engineering positions to assist with the delivery of transportation projects?

Answer: Yes

Additional Comment(s): I support funding new engineering positions. We need to make sure experts are working on these projects.

Question 8: ODOT Operational revenue will be in a deficit by 2024. What will you do to keep the State Highway Fund sustainable for the operational needs of ODOT and indirect costs for Engineering and Project Delivery staff?

Answer: ODOT should be receiving more federal investments in infrastructure, including highways

Question 9: Do you support or oppose the right of public employees to strike?

Answer: Support

Additional Comment(s):

Question 10: Do you support or oppose requiring the PEBB board to be more responsive to the health care needs of the public employees they serve?

Answer: Support

Additional Comment(s):

Lori Chavez-DeRemer (Republican) – 5th District

No response.

Andrea Salinas (Democrat / Independent / Working Families) – 6th District

No response.

Larry D McFarland (Constitution) – 6th District

No response.

Mike Erickson (Republican) – 6th District

No response.

Joe Yetter (Democrat) – 2nd District

No response.

Federal

US Senator

Chris Henry (Progressive) – statewide

No response.

Dan Pulju (Pacific Green) – statewide

Question 1: HB2017 just hit it's 5-year milestone, should the State Secretary audit the bill to compare the costs between internal and external project delivery?

Answer: Yes

Additional Comment(s): Why not?

Question 2: Are you in favor of outsourcing work and projects to private consultants to perform routine and essential ODOT, ODF and OPRD functions?

Answer: Yes

Additional Comment(s): if it is necessary.

Question 3: ODOT has internally committed to a target of 70% outsourced Project Delivery work. Do you support the agency's outsourcing goal? Would you support change if the cost to design projects increased due to this outsourcing target?

Answer: Support

Additional Comment(s): I see no reason to object to this unless the cost were to increase, in which case I would oppose.

Question 4: Based on the current inflation, do you support or oppose a wage increase for public employees?

Answer: Support

Additional Comment(s): But I don't support allowing inflation to continue. That is happening because of Biden's reckless foreign policy in regards to the Ukraine war.

Question 5: Do you support or oppose continued reforms to PERS?

Answer: Support

Additional Comment(s):

Question 6: Do you support full time remote work for State employees?

Answer:

Additional Comment(s):

Question 7: Do you support or oppose funding new Engineering positions to assist with the delivery of transportation projects?

Answer: Yes

Additional Comment(s): Yes, if this will help ODOT avoid outsourcing the vast majority of the work.

Question 8: ODOT Operational revenue will be in a deficit by 2024. What will you do to keep the State Highway Fund sustainable for the operational needs of ODOT and indirect costs for Engineering and Project Delivery staff?

Answer: Do what I can to secure more Federal funding.

Question 9: Do you support or oppose the right of public employees to strike?

Answer: Support

Additional Comment(s):

Question 10: Do you support or oppose requiring the PEBB board to be more responsive to the health care needs of the public employees they serve?

Answer: Support

Additional Comment(s):

Jo Rae Perkins (Constitution / Republican) – statewide

No response.

Ron Wyden (Democrat / Independent) – statewide

No response.

State

Governor

Betsy Johnson (Nonaffiliated) – statewide

No response.

Christine Drazan (Republican) – statewide

No response.

Donice Noelle Smith (Constitution) – statewide

No response.

R Leon Noble (Libertarian) – statewide

Question 1: HB2017 just hit it's 5-year milestone, should the State Secretary audit the bill to compare the costs between internal and external project delivery?

Answer: No

Additional Comment(s): Government is waste. I don't need an audit to know the costs were inflated.

Question 2: Are you in favor of outsourcing work and projects to private consultants to perform routine and essential ODOT, ODF and OPRD functions?

Answer: Yes

Additional Comment(s): I was once told to hire lazy and penny pinching people. They will find ways to do the same job ,in half the time, for half the cost.

Question 3: ODOT has internally committed to a target of 70% outsourced Project Delivery work. Do you support the agency's outsourcing goal? Would you support change if the cost to design projects increased due to this outsourcing target?

Answer: Support

Additional Comment(s): Should be more than 70%

Question 4: Based on the current inflation, do you support or oppose a wage increase for public employees?

Answer: Oppose

Additional Comment(s):

Question 5: Do you support or oppose continued reforms to PERS?

Answer: Oppose

Additional Comment(s):

Question 6: Do you support full time remote work for State employees?

Answer: Yes

Additional Comment(s):

Question 7: Do you support or oppose funding new Engineering positions to assist with the delivery of transportation projects?

Answer: No

Additional Comment(s):

Question 8: ODOT Operational revenue will be in a deficit by 2024. What will you do to keep the State Highway Fund sustainable for the operational needs of ODOT and indirect costs for Engineering and Project Delivery staff?

Answer: Privatize road operation. There are technologies that are maturing that could be utilized to

make the roads pay for themselves.

Question 9: Do you support or oppose the right of public employees to strike?

Answer: Oppose

Additional Comment(s): Public Employees should not have unions. Private employees should have the optr to be unionized.

Question 10: Do you support or oppose requiring the PEBB board to be more responsive to the health care needs of the public employees they serve?

Answer: Oppose

Additional Comment(s):

Tina Kotek (Democrat / Working Families) – statewide

No response.

State

State Representative

Bret Cecil (Democrat) – 1st District

No response.

David Brock Smith (Republican) – 1st District

No response.

Edward Renfroe (Constitution) – 2nd District

No response.

Kevin Bell (Democrat) – 2nd District

No response.

Virgle J Osborne (Republican) – 2nd District

No response.

Brady W Keister (Democrat) – 3rd District

No response.

Lily Morgan (Republican) – 3rd District

No response.

Christine Goodwin (Democrat / Republican) – 4th District

No response.

Pam Marsh (Democrat / Independent) – 5th District

No response.

Sandra A Abercrombie (Republican) – 5th District

No response.

Dan Davis (Democrat / Independent) – 6th District

No response.

Kim Wallan (Republican) – 6th District

No response.

Alan Stout (Republican) – 7th District

No response.

John Lively (Democrat / Independent) – 7th District

Question 1: HB2017 just hit it's 5-year milestone, should the State Secretary audit the bill to compare the costs between internal and external project delivery?

Answer: Yes

Additional Comment(s):

Question 2: Are you in favor of outsourcing work and projects to private consultants to perform routine and essential ODOT, ODF and OPRD functions?

Answer: No

Additional Comment(s):

Question 3: ODOT has internally committed to a target of 70% outsourced Project Delivery work. Do you support the agency's outsourcing goal? Would you support change if the cost to design projects increased due to this outsourcing target?

Answer: Support

Additional Comment(s): ultimately cost are a factor, but unless they are substantially higher than internal and add significantly to project overall costs, outsourcing still makes sense.

Question 4: Based on the current inflation, do you support or oppose a wage increase for public employees?

Answer: Support

Additional Comment(s): but need to be more selective in relationship to position rather than just across the board.

Question 5: Do you support or oppose continued reforms to PERS?

Answer: Support

Additional Comment(s): unclear at this point what might be needed, but especially in light of the downturn in stock market further reforms may be needed. That does not mean diminishing benefits for employees.

Question 6: Do you support full time remote work for State employees?

Answer: No

Additional Comment(s):

Question 7: Do you support or oppose funding new Engineering positions to assist with the delivery of transportation projects?

Answer: Yes

Additional Comment(s): support

Question 8: ODOT Operational revenue will be in a deficit by 2024. What will you do to keep the State Highway Fund sustainable for the operational needs of ODOT and indirect costs for Engineering and Project Delivery staff?

Answer: continue to work to move to a road user charge system to replace reliance on fossil fuels tax and capture more from those with the more efficient vehicles. This alone will not make up the difference.

Question 9: Do you support or oppose the right of public employees to strike?

Answer: Support

Additional Comment(s):

Question 10: Do you support or oppose requiring the PEBB board to be more responsive to the health care needs of the public employees they serve?

Answer: Support

Additional Comment(s):

Michael F Moore (Republican) – 8th District

No response.

Paul R Holvey (Democrat) – 8th District

No response.

Boomer Wright (Republican) – 9th District

No response.

Jerry Rust (Democrat) – 9th District

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Answer: Yes

Additional Comment(s):

Question 2: Are you in favor of outsourcing work and projects to private consultants to perform routine and essential ODOT, ODF and OPRD functions?

Answer: No

Additional Comment(s):

Question 3: ODOT has internally committed to a target of 70% outsourced Project Delivery work. Do you support the agency's outsourcing goal? Would you support change if the cost to design projects increased due to this outsourcing target?

Answer: Oppose

Additional Comment(s):

Question 4: Based on the current inflation, do you support or oppose a wage increase for public employees?

Answer: Support

Additional Comment(s):

Question 5: Do you support or oppose continued reforms to PERS?

Answer: Support

Additional Comment(s): I'm uncertain about the meaning

Question 6: Do you support full time remote work for State employees?

Answer:

Additional Comment(s):

Question 7: Do you support or oppose funding new Engineering positions to assist with the delivery of transportation projects?

Answer: Yes

Additional Comment(s):

Question 8: ODOT Operational revenue will be in a deficit by 2024. What will you do to keep the State Highway Fund sustainable for the operational needs of ODOT and indirect costs for Engineering and Project Delivery staff?

Answer: Electric car revenue

Question 9: Do you support or oppose the right of public employees to strike?

Answer: Support

Additional Comment(s):

Question 10: Do you support or oppose requiring the PEBB board to be more responsive to the health care needs of the public employees they serve?

Answer: Support

Additional Comment(s):

Celeste McEntee (Republican) – 10th District

No response.

David Gomberg (Independent / Working Families) – 10th District

Question 1: HB2017 just hit it's 5-year milestone, should the State Secretary audit the bill to compare the costs between internal and external project delivery?

Answer: Yes

Additional Comment(s): Yes. As a longtime member of the joint Ways and Means committee on general government, I believe that oversight and audits are an important tool to determine the successful delivery of projects. Members of AEE are a critical stakeholder in that work to ensure that projects are making good use of taxpayer resources and delivering on the goals of the legislation.

Question 2: Are you in favor of outsourcing work and projects to private consultants to perform routine and essential ODOT, ODF and OPRD functions?

Answer: No

Additional Comment(s): I have opposed contracting out legitimate public services as a general practice.

Question 3: ODOT has internally committed to a target of 70% outsourced Project Delivery work. Do you support the agency's outsourcing goal? Would you support change if the cost to design projects increased due to this outsourcing target?

Answer: Support

Additional Comment(s): I'd prefer a "maybe" option. With more and more pressure on the revenue streams for transportation funding to meet the needs of Oregonians we need to ensure that project delivery gets the best value for taxpayers. AEE is an important stakeholder in this work and will always help inform my vote so that outsourcing Project Delivery work is not done in a way that harms workers or the outcome of their work.

Question 4: Based on the current inflation, do you support or oppose a wage increase for public employees?

Answer: Support

Additional Comment(s): Support.

Question 5: Do you support or oppose continued reforms to PERS?

Answer: Oppose

Additional Comment(s): I will oppose further "reforms" to PERS.

Question 6: Do you support full time remote work for State employees?

Answer: Yes

Additional Comment(s): I support work flexibility when appropriate.

Question 7: Do you support or oppose funding new Engineering positions to assist with the delivery of transportation projects?

Answer: Yes

Additional Comment(s): Yes. With a once in a generation federal infrastructure package, funding from HB 2017 and the likelihood of a new transportation package soon we need to look at whether agency staffing is available on the ground to make the best use of these dollars. This includes engineering staff.

Question 8: ODOT Operational revenue will be in a deficit by 2024. What will you do to keep the State Highway Fund sustainable for the operational needs of ODOT and indirect costs for Engineering and Project Delivery staff?

Answer: The State Highway Fund faces serious challenges to meet the needs of communities across the state. We rely on DMV fees like vehicle registrations, fuel taxes and weight mile taxes, a combination that is inadequate in the long run to meet our preservation and maintenance needs as well as future projects. Increased fuel efficiency is making it harder to rely on fuel taxes as a source of road funding, so we need to look at additional options to ensure that our transportation infrastructure is funded. This can include exploring how road usage charges or vehicle miles traveled fees are already part of this equation. We also need to balance the impact of these costs on working Oregonians who have been hard hit by inflation. There is not a simple answer, but we need to ensure that stable sources of revenue are balanced with the impact on working Oregonians.

Question 9: Do you support or oppose the right of public employees to strike?

Answer: Support

Additional Comment(s): Support

Question 10: Do you support or oppose requiring the PEBB board to be more responsive to the health care needs of the public employees they serve?

Answer: Support

Additional Comment(s): It is my belief that every Oregonian should have access to quality, affordable health care. Ensuring that the workers who keep our state running, and who at times place their physical safety at risk to do so, are getting the care they need is an absolute necessity. I would support efforts to work with the PEBB board to reduce and remove roadblocks to workers receiving that necessary care

Jami Cate (Republican) – 11th District

No response.

Mary K Cooke (Democrat / Working Families) – 11th District

No response.

Charlie Conrad (Republican) – 12th District

No response.

Michelle Emmons (Democrat / Independent) – 12th District

No response.

Nancy Nathanson (Democrat / Independent) – 13th District

No response.

Timothy S Sutherland (Republican) – 13th District

No response.

Julie Fahey (Democrat / Working Families) – 14th District

No response.

Stan Stubblefield (Republican) - 14th District

No response.

Benjamin Watts (Democrat / Independent / Working Families) - 15th District

No response.

Shelly Boshart Davis (Republican) - 15th District

No response.

Dan Rayfield (Democrat / Working Families) - 16th District

No response.

Keith Lembke (Republican) - 16th District

No response.

Ed Diehl (Democrat / Republican) - 17th District

No response.

Jesse S Smith (Democrat) - 18th District

Question 1: HB2017 just hit it's 5-year milestone, should the State Secretary audit the bill to compare the costs between internal and external project delivery?

Answer: Yes

Additional Comment(s):

Question 2: Are you in favor of outsourcing work and projects to private consultants to perform routine and essential ODOT, ODF and OPRD functions?

Answer: No

Additional Comment(s): Generally, routine work should be performed in-house.

Question 3: ODOT has internally committed to a target of 70% outsourced Project Delivery work. Do you support the agency's outsourcing goal? Would you support change if the cost to design projects increased due to this outsourcing target?

Answer: Oppose

Additional Comment(s): That's two questions! But it should be clear that if costs increase as a result of an outsourcing target, then the very notion of outsourcing is failing to meet its cost-cutting objective.

Question 4: Based on the current inflation, do you support or oppose a wage increase for public employees?

Answer: Support

Additional Comment(s):

Question 5: Do you support or oppose continued reforms to PERS?

Answer: Support

Additional Comment(s): To be clear: continued reforms must not come at the expense of pensioners and retirees. PERS must be fully funded and stable for the long-term, and we must honor our commitments to workers.

Question 6: Do you support full time remote work for State employees?

Answer: Yes

Additional Comment(s):

Question 7: Do you support or oppose funding new Engineering positions to assist with the delivery of transportation projects?

Answer: Yes

Additional Comment(s): If necessary. I would like to see specifics.

Question 8: ODOT Operational revenue will be in a deficit by 2024. What will you do to keep the State Highway Fund sustainable for the operational needs of ODOT and indirect costs for Engineering and Project Delivery staff?

Answer: Tax shippers. By taxing the activity (shipping) rather than the means (gasoline) we ensure that the revenue will continue to flow even after most vehicles have transitioned to electric power.

Question 9: Do you support or oppose the right of public employees to strike?

Answer: Support

Additional Comment(s): Unionizing and striking are First Amendment rights. Those rights are not surrendered just because a person works in the public sector.

Question 10: Do you support or oppose requiring the PEBB board to be more responsive to the health care needs of the public employees they serve?

Answer: Support

Additional Comment(s): High-quality, evidence-based health care (including preventative care and mental health care) is essential to quality of life in the modern world. Everyone should have access to it.

Rick Lewis (Republican) – 18th District

No response.

TJ Sullivan (Republican) – 19th District

No response.

Tom Andersen (Democrat / Independent) – 19th District

Question 1: HB2017 just hit it's 5-year milestone, should the State Secretary audit the bill to compare the costs between internal and external project delivery?

Answer: Yes

Additional Comment(s): It's the state's role to make sure the project is proceeding on schedule and within the expected budgets. Any review of HB 2017 should take the perspectives of stakeholders such as AEE into account when evaluating the effectiveness of the legislation and the results of the time and funding invested.

Question 2: Are you in favor of outsourcing work and projects to private consultants to perform routine and essential ODOT, ODF and OPRD functions?

Answer: No

Additional Comment(s): It would be irresponsible on the part of the state to turn over routine and essential work to private consultants. I would find it hard to believe that there would be significant cost savings involved, and the risk to the public in the form of lack of oversight and accountability would likely outweigh the potential benefits.

Question 3: ODOT has internally committed to a target of 70% outsourced Project Delivery work. Do you support the agency's outsourcing goal? Would you support change if the cost to design projects increased due to this outsourcing target?

Answer: Support

Additional Comment(s): If ODOT's goal for outsourced Project Delivery is based on effectively attaining completion in a timely manner, I support outsourcing as a means to that end. This of course must be balanced with protecting workers and ensuring Project Delivery remains at a high standard. In addition, we must also take into account how cost increases resulting from this target would affect the value of taxpayers' investment.

Question 4: Based on the current inflation, do you support or oppose a wage increase for public employees?

Answer: Support

Additional Comment(s): Current wages for state employees must take recent inflation into account – if they cannot make a living at the current rate, we will lose out on talented and effective employees who will find work elsewhere.

Question 5: Do you support or oppose continued reforms to PERS?

Answer: Oppose

Additional Comment(s): As a PERS Tier 1 beneficiary and an individual who joined the suit to protest changes to PERS retirement benefits, I am in strong opposition to further changes to the PERS system. Our state employees should be offered a secure retirement as a benefit for their career in public service.

Question 6: Do you support full time remote work for State employees?

Answer: Yes

Additional Comment(s): If workers have the ability to complete their work remotely and fulfill the requirements of their role it presents a savings opportunity, to both the state and the individual, to allow workers to remain remote full-time.

Question 7: Do you support or oppose funding new Engineering positions to assist with the delivery of transportation projects?

Answer: Yes

Additional Comment(s): We should be looking to do everything we can to ensure that project delivery is proceeding in a timely manner, and that quality remains high. This includes adding capacity in the form of new positions. With the influx of federal dollars in addition to state investments from HB 2017, we cannot risk falling behind due to a lack of staffing.

Question 8: ODOT Operational revenue will be in a deficit by 2024. What will you do to keep the State Highway Fund sustainable for the operational needs of ODOT and indirect costs for Engineering and Project Delivery staff?

Answer: We must balance the fact that our roads must remain safe and open with the impact of cost increases on Oregonians. This will almost certainly require novel revenue sources – weight mile taxes, fuel taxes, and vehicle registrations are on their own not a sustainable source of revenue to support the State Highway Fund in the long term. That being said, whatever solution the state pursues must ensure critical road maintenance and Project Delivery can continue without being onerous to the average Oregonian.

Question 9: Do you support or oppose the right of public employees to strike?

Answer: Support

Additional Comment(s):

Question 10: Do you support or oppose requiring the PEBB board to be more responsive to the health care needs of the public employees they serve?

Answer: Support

Additional Comment(s): Public employees, and all Oregonians, should be able to receive high quality health care that effectively addresses their needs. The PEBB board should be a partner, not a hindrance, in ensuring that these needs are met for public employees – our state should be looking out for the workers that look out for us on a daily basis.

Tom Andersen (Progressive / Working Families) – 19th District

No response.

Dan Farrington (Republican) – 20th District

No response.

Paul Evans (Democrat / Independent / Working Families) – 20th District

Question 1: HB2017 just hit it's 5-year milestone, should the State Secretary audit the bill to compare the costs between internal and external project delivery?

Answer: Yes

Additional Comment(s): I believe good audits provide helpful comparisons (in context) that provide policy makers information critical for making informed decisions about stewarding our public resources.

Question 2: Are you in favor of outsourcing work and projects to private consultants to perform routine and essential ODOT, ODF and OPRD functions?

Answer: No

Additional Comment(s): I believe we must significantly invest in building new and rehabilitating aging infrastructure. Private consultants play a significant role, but routine and essential functions should largely remain public workers because of the necessity for flexibility and rapid response to extraordinary situations.

Question 3: ODOT has internally committed to a target of 70% outsourced Project Delivery work. Do you support the agency's outsourcing goal? Would you support change if the cost to design projects increased due to this outsourcing target?

Answer: Support

Additional Comment(s): In general, I favor more public capacity than dependence upon private consultants/contractors. Given our needs, we must find the best blend of public and private delivery for the work we need accomplished. My experience is that setting arbitrary goals too often creates more problems than anticipated -- and I am not supportive of the agency's outsourcing goal. However, I do support decision-making based upon rationality, reasonableness, and responsibility.

Question 4: Based on the current inflation, do you support or oppose a wage increase for public employees?

Answer: Support

Additional Comment(s): Our public workers provide critical, essential services. We must keep pace with inflation in our compensation efforts.

Question 5: Do you support or oppose continued reforms to PERS?

Answer: Oppose

Additional Comment(s): While I support investing more public monies into the PERS system, I do not support the so-called "reforms" that have harmed public employees and changed their retirement. I was among the very few who have consistently voted against reductions to PERS retirees.

Question 6: Do you support full time remote work for State employees?

Answer: Yes

Additional Comment(s): I support full-time remote work for certain state employees in specific instances, but I am not sold on a "one-approach" for all strategy. There are certain and specific functions that can be done in a remote manner without impacting the mission of the agency. However, I believe we must promote policies that build teamwork and organizational benefit.

Question 7: Do you support or oppose funding new Engineering positions to assist with the

delivery of transportation projects?

Answer: Yes

Additional Comment(s): I believe the State of Oregon has an insufficient number of engineers in public service. We have outsourced too many, too much, and too often. Our most important agencies have lost significant organic capacity and as a result, we have less capability to manage this moment of infrastructure investment than we should have. So yes, I support funding for new engineering positions to assist with the delivery of the many projects we are developing.

Question 8: ODOT Operational revenue will be in a deficit by 2024. What will you do to keep the State Highway Fund sustainable for the operational needs of ODOT and indirect costs for Engineering and Project Delivery staff?

Answer: I will work with my colleagues to ensure we keep ODOT (and all of our impacted agencies) sustainable. I currently serve on the Joint Transportation Committee and the Joint Committee of Ways & Means (full); I will do everything I can to make sure we have the internal capacities for stewarding the projects/programs we need to accomplish (including indirect costs for engineering and project delivery staffing).

Question 9: Do you support or oppose the right of public employees to strike?

Answer: Support

Additional Comment(s): I am a public employee. I am a union member (OEA). And I believe the right to negotiate for the value of our labor is a critical input into the larger signals-based market economy. I will always support the right of a union to strike.

Question 10: Do you support or oppose requiring the PEBB board to be more responsive to the health care needs of the public employees they serve?

Answer: Support

Additional Comment(s): Healthy workers produce better results over a longer period of time.

Taylor A Rickey (Libertarian) – 20th District

No response.

Kevin L Mannix (Republican) – 21st District

No response.

Michael Morrow (Libertarian) – 21st District**Question 1: HB2017 just hit it's 5-year milestone, should the State Secretary audit the bill to compare the costs between internal and external project delivery?**

Answer: Yes

Additional Comment(s): All government projects should be audited to ensure the best use of tax dollars.

Question 2: Are you in favor of outsourcing work and projects to private consultants to perform routine and essential ODOT, ODF and OPRD functions?

Answer: No

Additional Comment(s): Government work should be done by nonbiased government employees.

Question 3: ODOT has internally committed to a target of 70% outsourced Project Delivery

work. Do you support the agency's outsourcing goal? Would you support change if the cost to design projects increased due to this outsourcing target?

Answer: Oppose

Additional Comment(s): The goal should be to get the best project at the best price, not to meet some predetermined number. Projects should be reduced in number to ensure that the best value is provided for tax dollars spent.

Question 4: Based on the current inflation, do you support or oppose a wage increase for public employees?

Answer: Support

Additional Comment(s): Government employees are underpaid in general and should be paid equally with private sector employees. That being said, the number of employees should be reduced by decreasing their workload.

Question 5: Do you support or oppose continued reforms to PERS?

Answer: Support

Additional Comment(s): PERS, as all programs, should be reviewed for effectiveness and to keep up with changing conditions and market trends.

Question 6: Do you support full time remote work for State employees?

Answer: Yes

Additional Comment(s): I support remote work, with the condition that work productivity remains the same. The importance is that work quality remains high so that taxpayers get their money's worth. Where it takes place should not be the issue.

Question 7: Do you support or oppose funding new Engineering positions to assist with the delivery of transportation projects?

Answer: Yes

Additional Comment(s): If a project needs workers, they need to be hired to give the best value for the tax dollars used. However, the number of projects may be too high for the moment due to poor quality work. We need to lessen the workload on our workers.

Question 8: ODOT Operational revenue will be in a deficit by 2024. What will you do to keep the State Highway Fund sustainable for the operational needs of ODOT and indirect costs for Engineering and Project Delivery staff?

Answer: Projects that do not have their funding covered should be placed on the back burner. Projects must be funded to be started and any politician that commits to a project without setting the money aside to fund it is a sham and a fraud!

Question 9: Do you support or oppose the right of public employees to strike?

Answer: Oppose

Additional Comment(s): Public employees are given a sacred public trust. With that being said, issues they raise should be given extra attention due to that trust.

Question 10: Do you support or oppose requiring the PEBB board to be more responsive to the health care needs of the public employees they serve?

Answer: Support

Additional Comment(s): health care needs of anyone should be a top concern! A board in charge of that needs to give their full attention to matters concerning those they serve.

Ramiro Navarro Jr (Working Families) – 21st District

Question 1: HB2017 just hit it's 5-year milestone, should the State Secretary audit the bill to compare the costs between internal and external project delivery?

Answer: Yes

Additional Comment(s): I'm not too familiar with HB2017 but I believe it has to do with state

investment in public transportation. I think looking into an audit would be appropriate though as we've made major advancements in technology and progress in our communities over the past 5 years to make them safe and livable.

Question 2: Are you in favor of outsourcing work and projects to private consultants to perform routine and essential ODOT, ODF and OPRD functions?

Answer: No

Additional Comment(s): I'm not in favor of outsourcing projects to private consultants for routine jobs, especially considering that this would most likely impact union workers and the benefits they've earned.

Question 3: ODOT has internally committed to a target of 70% outsourced Project Delivery work. Do you support the agency's outsourcing goal? Would you support change if the cost to design projects increased due to this outsourcing target?

Answer: Oppose

Additional Comment(s): Again, I'm not in favor of outsourcing projects to private consultants considering that this would most likely impact union workers and the benefits they've earned. I would absolutely support change with evidence that outsourcing causes an increase in project design costs.

Question 4: Based on the current inflation, do you support or oppose a wage increase for public employees?

Answer: Support

Additional Comment(s): I would support a COLA increase for public employees.

Question 5: Do you support or oppose continued reforms to PERS?

Answer: Oppose

Additional Comment(s): I would oppose further reforms to PERS.

Question 6: Do you support full time remote work for State employees?

Answer: Yes

Additional Comment(s): I think that means full-time remote work for state employees and I would say yes for certain positions. There are some roles that require being in person, but I would support those employees in finding other opportunities to help them in achieving a healthy work-life balance.

Question 7: Do you support or oppose funding new Engineering positions to assist with the delivery of transportation projects?

Answer: Yes

Additional Comment(s): I would support funding new positions and would love to see that paired with a college program that recruits a more diverse workforce while they're in school, and union apprenticeship programs.

Question 8: ODOT Operational revenue will be in a deficit by 2024. What will you do to keep the State Highway Fund sustainable for the operational needs of ODOT and indirect costs for Engineering and Project Delivery staff?

Answer: Advocate for reducing outsourcing when it impacts costs, and support other modes of transportation to reduce the impacts on our local highways.

Question 9: Do you support or oppose the right of public employees to strike?

Answer: Support

Additional Comment(s): I support the right of public employees to strike.

Question 10: Do you support or oppose requiring the PEBB board to be more responsive to the

health care needs of the public employees they serve?

Answer: Support

Additional Comment(s): I unequivocally support the PEBB Board in being more responsive to the healthcare needs of the public employees they serve. Having a background in mental health I'm especially aware of mental health services being a part of that care to support working families.

Ramiro Navarro Jr (Democrat) - 21st District

No response.

Anthony Medina (Independent / Working Families) - 22nd District

No response.

Anthony Medina (Democrat) - 22nd District

No response.

Tracy M Cramer (Republican) - 22nd District

No response.

Anna M Scharf (Republican) - 23rd District

No response.

Kriss Wright (Democrat) - 23rd District

No response.

Lucetta A Elmer (Republican) - 24th District

No response.

Victoria Ernst (Democrat / Independent / Working Families) - 24th District

No response.

Ben Bowman (Democrat / Independent / Working Families) - 25th District

Question 1: HB2017 just hit it's 5-year milestone, should the State Secretary audit the bill to compare the costs between internal and external project delivery?

Answer: Yes

Additional Comment(s): As a hopeful first-time legislator, I'm not familiar with HB2017, but did a quick search and an audit seems like a reasonable request. I would be happy to learn more about this.

Question 2: Are you in favor of outsourcing work and projects to private consultants to perform routine and essential ODOT, ODF and OPRD functions?

Answer: No

Additional Comment(s): I am strongly opposed to the privatization of public services, particularly when it results in higher costs to tax payers, lower pay for workers, and/or a reduction in quality.

Question 3: ODOT has internally committed to a target of 70% outsourced Project Delivery work. Do you support the agency's outsourcing goal? Would you support change if the cost to design projects increased due to this outsourcing target?

Answer: Support

Additional Comment(s): The double question confused me a bit -- but yes, I would support change if the cost to design projects increased due to this outsourcing target. I am not sure would ODOT would have a target for outsourcing, unless the target was to reduce the share of work being outsourced.

Question 4: Based on the current inflation, do you support or oppose a wage increase for public employees?

Answer: Support

Additional Comment(s): Of course.

Question 5: Do you support or oppose continued reforms to PERS?

Answer: Oppose

Additional Comment(s): A contract is a contract is a contract. We made a promise to public employees and we need to keep that promise. It's time to move on -- and if we need to generate more revenue, then we should levy taxes on those making record profits. I have always opposed cuts to PERS.

Question 6: Do you support full time remote work for State employees?

Answer: Yes

Additional Comment(s): Not 100% about intent of this question but I'm interpreting it as "full time"? I'm open to hearing your thoughts on this. I worked at the Department of Education for the last two years as a full time remote (the office was closed!) and the arrangement worked well for both me and my employer. Obviously, there are some positions where remote work is impossible, and I do think there is value in getting together in-person sometimes -- so it's important to strike the right balance, accommodate the needs of workers, and ensure that positions are attractive to potential employees!

Question 7: Do you support or oppose funding new Engineering positions to assist with the delivery of transportation projects?

Answer: Yes

Additional Comment(s): We have *huge* transportation needs in this state and if new engineering positions will assist with the delivery of these projects, either in safety, quality, or speed, then I would support it. Just within my district in HD25, there are major projects that are long overdue and I support increasing state capacity to provide those improvements (Hall Blvd, Pacific Hwy, and others).

Question 8: ODOT Operational revenue will be in a deficit by 2024. What will you do to keep the State Highway Fund sustainable for the operational needs of ODOT and indirect costs for Engineering and Project Delivery staff?

Answer: I support generating more revenue to ensure that ODOT operational revenue is not in a deficit. As I mentioned, there are far too many important projects in our growing state to let this become an afterthought.

I think we need to modernize the gas tax with the rise of electric vehicles and alternative modes of transportation that ensure we can provide safe and sustainable infrastructure for people to move around. It's also important to incentivize consumers to make smart decisions.

I am committed to finding a sustainable solution to meet the operational needs of ODOT and the indirect costs of engineering and project delivery staff, and would be happy to work with you on identifying solutions and implementing them.

Question 9: Do you support or oppose the right of public employees to strike?

Answer: Support

Additional Comment(s): Yes.

Question 10: Do you support or oppose requiring the PEBB board to be more responsive to the health care needs of the public employees they serve?

Answer: Support

Additional Comment(s): Support. Would love to learn more about the specifics and what I can do to

help -- I'm very interested in the health policy space.

Bob Niemeyer (Republican) – 25th District

Question 1: HB2017 just hit it's 5-year milestone, should the State Secretary audit the bill to compare the costs between internal and external project delivery?

Answer: Yes

Additional Comment(s): The People never get any feed back.

Question 2: Are you in favor of outsourcing work and projects to private consultants to perform routine and essential ODOT, ODF and OPRD functions?

Answer: Yes

Additional Comment(s): Specialized projects that can be done by private consultants also means that the government did not hire or expand government with people that do not have the same qualifications. Thus preventing eternal costs that will far exceed the cost of consultants.

Question 3: ODOT has internally committed to a target of 70% outsourced Project Delivery work. Do you support the agency's outsourcing goal? Would you support change if the cost to design projects increased due to this outsourcing target?

Answer: Support

Additional Comment(s): Should be more. should also be in-State contractors.

Question 4: Based on the current inflation, do you support or oppose a wage increase for public employees?

Answer: Support

Additional Comment(s): cost of living only. decrease the size of government as well.

Question 5: Do you support or oppose continued reforms to PERS?

Answer: Support

Additional Comment(s): get all elected and appointed office holder off of pers.

Question 6: Do you support full time remote work for State employees?

Answer: No

Additional Comment(s): They have offices. Show up.

Question 7: Do you support or oppose funding new Engineering positions to assist with the delivery of transportation projects?

Answer: No

Additional Comment(s): the government should only be coordinating the project. If you mean that the Engineering Positions are government jobs, then clearly no.

Question 8: ODOT Operational revenue will be in a deficit by 2024. What will you do to keep the State Highway Fund sustainable for the operational needs of ODOT and indirect costs for Engineering and Project Delivery staff?

Answer: ODOT's expenses should be based only on fuel tax revenues. they somehow borrowed against the cash flow a few years back and now we are seeing an increased effort to toll roads to make up for it. ODOT's priorities on planning instead of doing is a real cost that should be stopped as well. You want roads an bridges built again, than send the fuel tax revenues back to the Counties where the fuel was consumed.

Question 9: Do you support or oppose the right of public employees to strike?

Answer: Support

Additional Comment(s): As long as the State also has the right to lock-out as well.

Question 10: Do you support or oppose requiring the PEBB board to be more responsive to the

health care needs of the public employees they serve?

Answer: Oppose

Additional Comment(s): They are supposed to be showing what you benefits are so you can go take care of things yourself.

Courtney Neron (Democrat / Independent / Working Families) – 26th District

No response.

Jason Fields (Republican) – 26th District

Question 1: HB2017 just hit it's 5-year milestone, should the State Secretary audit the bill to compare the costs between internal and external project delivery?

Answer: Yes

Additional Comment(s): I believe audits in general are a necessary part of government, anytime public money is involved.

Question 2: Are you in favor of outsourcing work and projects to private consultants to perform routine and essential ODOT, ODF and OPRD functions?

Answer: No

Additional Comment(s):

Question 3: ODOT has internally committed to a target of 70% outsourced Project Delivery work. Do you support the agency's outsourcing goal? Would you support change if the cost to design projects increased due to this outsourcing target?

Answer: Support

Additional Comment(s): I'd have to look into this issue more closely

Question 4: Based on the current inflation, do you support or oppose a wage increase for public employees?

Answer: Support

Additional Comment(s): As long as cost savings could be found elsewhere to cover inflationary pressures

Question 5: Do you support or oppose continued reforms to PERS?

Answer: Oppose

Additional Comment(s): I think PERS has been reformed to the point where current/new employees are not benefiting in the same way that older retirees are. I think politicians and all elected officials/appointees should be removed from PERS.

Question 6: Do you support full time remote work for State employees?

Answer: No

Additional Comment(s): Generally no, but there are a few exceptions where it might work.

Question 7: Do you support or oppose funding new Engineering positions to assist with the delivery of transportation projects?

Answer: Yes

Additional Comment(s): I would need to look at this on a project-by-project basis.

Question 8: ODOT Operational revenue will be in a deficit by 2024. What will you do to keep the State Highway Fund sustainable for the operational needs of ODOT and indirect costs for Engineering and Project Delivery staff?

Answer: As I've stated in my campaign, I am opposed to tolling. I also believe electric cars should pay their fair share for using our roads. I'd look for inefficiencies in ODOT projects or places where we can save money and focus on reducing the deficit.

Question 9: Do you support or oppose the right of public employees to strike?

Answer: Support

Additional Comment(s): As long as they are not strike-forbidden via their contracts.

Question 10: Do you support or oppose requiring the PEBB board to be more responsive to the health care needs of the public employees they serve?

Answer: Support

Additional Comment(s): Not sure I understand the question, it is vague.

Ken Helm (Democrat) – 27th District

No response.

Sandra Nelson (Republican) – 27th District

No response.

Dacia Grayber (Independent / Working Families) – 28th District

Question 1: HB2017 just hit it's 5-year milestone, should the State Secretary audit the bill to compare the costs between internal and external project delivery?

Answer: Yes

Additional Comment(s): I always will encourage accountability and oversight, especially on such massive investments.

Question 2: Are you in favor of outsourcing work and projects to private consultants to perform routine and essential ODOT, ODF and OPRD functions?

Answer: No

Additional Comment(s):

Question 3: ODOT has internally committed to a target of 70% outsourced Project Delivery work. Do you support the agency's outsourcing goal? Would you support change if the cost to design projects increased due to this outsourcing target?

Answer: Oppose

Additional Comment(s):

Question 4: Based on the current inflation, do you support or oppose a wage increase for public employees?

Answer: Support

Additional Comment(s):

Question 5: Do you support or oppose continued reforms to PERS?

Answer: Oppose

Additional Comment(s): The only "reforms" I want to see are those that increase retirement benefits and work to encourage more public employees to join and stay in the workforce.

Question 6: Do you support full time remote work for State employees?

Answer:

Additional Comment(s):

Question 7: Do you support or oppose funding new Engineering positions to assist with the delivery of transportation projects?

Answer: Yes

Additional Comment(s): I support funding additional positions.

Question 8: ODOT Operational revenue will be in a deficit by 2024. What will you do to keep

the State Highway Fund sustainable for the operational needs of ODOT and indirect costs for Engineering and Project Delivery staff?

Answer: Ensuring the funding we have is sustained through backfill if necessary until the necessary infrastructure projects are completed. Also reduce management and bureaucracy bloat if and where needed, for starters.

Question 9: Do you support or oppose the right of public employees to strike?

Answer: Support

Additional Comment(s): 100%.

Question 10: Do you support or oppose requiring the PEBB board to be more responsive to the health care needs of the public employees they serve?

Answer: Support

Additional Comment(s):

Dacia Grayber (Democrat) – 28th District

No response.

Patrick Castles (Republican) – 28th District

No response.

Gina Munster-Moore (Republican) – 29th District

No response.

Susan McLain (Democrat / Independent) – 29th District

No response.

Joe Everton (Republican) – 30th District

No response.

Nathan Sosa (Democrat / Working Families) – 30th District

No response.

Anthony Sorace (Democrat / Independent / Working Families) – 31st District

Question 1: HB2017 just hit it's 5-year milestone, should the State Secretary audit the bill to compare the costs between internal and external project delivery?

Answer: Yes

Additional Comment(s): We can't manage what we don't measure.

Question 2: Are you in favor of outsourcing work and projects to private consultants to perform routine and essential ODOT, ODF and OPRD functions?

Answer: No

Additional Comment(s): While there may be cases where this is needed to meet vital functions, "routine and essential" is a strong indicator that this function belongs within the relevant agency.

Question 3: ODOT has internally committed to a target of 70% outsourced Project Delivery work. Do you support the agency's outsourcing goal? Would you support change if the cost to design projects increased due to this outsourcing target?

Answer: Oppose

Additional Comment(s): I am surprised this number is that high. I need to learn more about the reasoning and analysis that went into it and the implications of it before committing, so "oppose" here is a weak placeholder. I would certainly support changes to this number based on changes in cost.

Question 4: Based on the current inflation, do you support or oppose a wage increase for public employees?

Answer: Support

Additional Comment(s):

Question 5: Do you support or oppose continued reforms to PERS?

Answer: Oppose

Additional Comment(s): This is a tricky question to answer as a blanket statement. While I'm not opposed to the idea that legislative oversight is appropriate, "reforms" in this context too often means "benefit cuts", which I am uniformly opposed to.

Question 6: Do you support full time remote work for State employees?

Answer: Yes

Additional Comment(s): This depends on the specific job function, but I believe it should be an option generally.

Question 7: Do you support or oppose funding new Engineering positions to assist with the delivery of transportation projects?

Answer: Yes

Additional Comment(s): Support.

Question 8: ODOT Operational revenue will be in a deficit by 2024. What will you do to keep the State Highway Fund sustainable for the operational needs of ODOT and indirect costs for Engineering and Project Delivery staff?

Answer: I do not have enough information on this at this time. I have been encouraged by ODOT's revenue exceeding their forecasts for the last two years, but undoubtedly we'll need to continue to look at this as the revenue streams change. In particular, the electrification of our transportation sector will force re-evaluating the portion of this that comes from fuels tax.

Question 9: Do you support or oppose the right of public employees to strike?

Answer: Support

Additional Comment(s): All workers should have the right to this form of collective action, public employee or otherwise.

Question 10: Do you support or oppose requiring the PEBB board to be more responsive to the health care needs of the public employees they serve?

Answer: Support

Additional Comment(s):

Brian G Stout (Republican) – 31st District

No response.

Cyrus B Javadi (Republican) – 32nd District

No response.

Logan C Laity (Progressive) – 32nd District

Question 1: HB2017 just hit it's 5-year milestone, should the State Secretary audit the bill to compare the costs between internal and external project delivery?

Answer: Yes

Additional Comment(s): I do not see this topic in the Internal Audit Reports, so yes.

Question 2: Are you in favor of outsourcing work and projects to private consultants to perform routine and essential ODOT, ODF and OPRD functions?

Answer: No

Additional Comment(s): Outsourcing prevents us from leading in the labor market and dramatically hinders accountability for essential public services. This stands against what I stand for as a public servant.

Question 3: ODOT has internally committed to a target of 70% outsourced Project Delivery work. Do you support the agency's outsourcing goal? Would you support change if the cost to design projects increased due to this outsourcing target?

Answer: Support

Additional Comment(s): I do not know if the cited target is higher or lower than the status quo. I am generally against the privatization of public goods due to concerns over accountability. I would support change if the cost to design projects increased due to project outsourcing.

Question 4: Based on the current inflation, do you support or oppose a wage increase for public employees?

Answer: Support

Additional Comment(s):

Question 5: Do you support or oppose continued reforms to PERS?

Answer: Oppose

Additional Comment(s): My stance on any and all public benefits is that, like any contract, the beneficiary must have more than a seat at the table– they must have tangible influence in the ultimate decision. I understand the chamber politics that led to 2019's reform (Student Success Act and Senator Johnson) and it is my stated position that our legislators were feckless.

Question 6: Do you support full time remote work for State employees?

Answer: Yes

Additional Comment(s): I do remote work for many of my clients. My position is that we must allow for FT remote work classifications as the general rule, empower our state agencies to determine what job classifications are not appropriate for this option, and that we should consider if adding remote work days is a valid way to ensure that workers are not forced to use their benefits when they would otherwise like to be working. Has remote work options started to enter negotiations?

Question 7: Do you support or oppose funding new Engineering positions to assist with the delivery of transportation projects?

Answer: Yes

Additional Comment(s): I support funding new engineering positions.

Question 8: ODOT Operational revenue will be in a deficit by 2024. What will you do to keep the State Highway Fund sustainable for the operational needs of ODOT and indirect costs for Engineering and Project Delivery staff?

Answer: New Sources. I am interested in our electric fleet road funding experiments (both at renewal and the OREGO mileage telematics experiment) and am interested in learning what they will require for implementation. The benefit of these is that they help ensure that road costs are lifted by road users, similar to current petrol fees. It is a Pigouvian mechanism that historically accounted for smog, greenhouse emissions, wear, and, in an indirect way, healthcare and productivity costs due to accidents and the stress of a long commute. My desire is that we assign road costs to use in the electric age. Mileage telematics has an additional benefit of more accurate road usage data, but can also present data privacy challenges depending on implementation.

Perverse Incentives and Equity of Road Access. I am generally opposed to tolls and public/private investments to be later funded by tolling. Of tolling options, VRT is most appealing to me.

Harsh Realities. Roads are a hallmark of a functioning society, and family to a civil engineer and county PW director, I have an appreciation of the system's positive social impact. This does not come without costs, and I understand that the legislature will need to address this. A 2024 deficit will almost certainly require funding solutions that don't adhere to the Pigouvian principle, such as the general fund, but for long-term success we must look away from merely increasing the gas tax to account for EVs in favor of other usage-based systems.

Question 9: Do you support or oppose the right of public employees to strike?

Answer: Support

Additional Comment(s): Yes. Also know that my stance on noticed strike requirements for certain classifications is narrower than most.

Question 10: Do you support or oppose requiring the PEBB board to be more responsive to the health care needs of the public employees they serve?

Answer: Support

Additional Comment(s): I would appreciate more information. The PEBB board's responsiveness has not appeared in a state employee's questionnaire for me until today.

Logan C Laity (Democrat / Working Families) – 32nd District

No response.

Logan C Laity (Independent) – 32nd District

No response.

Maxine E Dexter (Democrat / Working Families) – 33rd District

No response.

Stan Baumhofer (Republican) – 33rd District

Question 1: HB2017 just hit it's 5-year milestone, should the State Secretary audit the bill to compare the costs between internal and external project delivery?

Answer: Yes

Additional Comment(s):

Question 2: Are you in favor of outsourcing work and projects to private consultants to perform routine and essential ODOT, ODF and OPRD functions?

Answer: Yes

Additional Comment(s):

Question 3: ODOT has internally committed to a target of 70% outsourced Project Delivery work. Do you support the agency's outsourcing goal? Would you support change if the cost to design projects increased due to this outsourcing target?

Answer: Support

Additional Comment(s):

Question 4: Based on the current inflation, do you support or oppose a wage increase for

public employees?

Answer: Oppose

Additional Comment(s):

Question 5: Do you support or oppose continued reforms to PERS?

Answer: Support

Additional Comment(s):

Question 6: Do you support full time remote work for State employees?

Answer:

Additional Comment(s):

Question 7: Do you support or oppose funding new Engineering positions to assist with the delivery of transportation projects?

Answer: Yes

Additional Comment(s):

Question 8: ODOT Operational revenue will be in a deficit by 2024. What will you do to keep the State Highway Fund sustainable for the operational needs of ODOT and indirect costs for Engineering and Project Delivery staff?

Answer: A. Increase the rates ODOT charges.

B. Outsource more projects with competitive bidding

X. Reduce projects we ask ODOT to provide

Question 9: Do you support or oppose the right of public employees to strike?

Answer: Support

Additional Comment(s):

Question 10: Do you support or oppose requiring the PEBB board to be more responsive to the health care needs of the public employees they serve?

Answer: Support

Additional Comment(s):

John Woods (Republican) - 34th District

No response.

Lisa Reynolds (Democrat / Independent / Working Families) - 34th District

No response.

Daniel R Martin (Republican) - 35th District

No response.

Farrah Chaichi (Democrat / Working Families) - 35th District

No response.

Greer Trice (Republican) - 36th District

No response.

Hai Pham (Democrat / Independent / Working Families) - 36th District

No response.

Aeric Estep (Republican) – 37th District

No response.

Jules Walters (Independent / Working Families) – 37th District

No response.

Jules Walters (Democrat) – 37th District

No response.

Alistair Firmin (Independent / Republican) – 38th District

No response.

Daniel Nguyen (Democrat) – 38th District

No response.

Janelle S Bynum (Democrat / Independent) – 39th District

No response.

Kori Haynes (Republican) – 39th District

No response.

Adam Baker (Libertarian / Republican) – 40th District

No response.

Annessa Hartman (Democrat / Independent) – 40th District

No response.

Mark F Gamba (Democrat / Independent / Working Families) – 41st District

Question 1: HB2017 just hit it's 5-year milestone, should the State Secretary audit the bill to compare the costs between internal and external project delivery?

Answer: Yes

Additional Comment(s):

Question 2: Are you in favor of outsourcing work and projects to private consultants to perform routine and essential ODOT, ODF and OPRD functions?

Answer: Yes

Additional Comment(s): Some not all.

Question 3: ODOT has internally committed to a target of 70% outsourced Project Delivery

work. Do you support the agency's outsourcing goal? Would you support change if the cost to design projects increased due to this outsourcing target?

Answer: Support

Additional Comment(s): No, I would not. The problem at ODOT is that projects take too long and cost more than they should. If outsourcing them increases cost then it hasn't solved the problem.

Question 4: Based on the current inflation, do you support or oppose a wage increase for public employees?

Answer: Support

Additional Comment(s): That is way too broad of a question. It depends on which public employees we are talking about.

Question 5: Do you support or oppose continued reforms to PERS?

Answer: Oppose

Additional Comment(s): Most people used to have company backed retirement plans, just because the private sector prioritizes profits to stockholders over the long term well being of their employees, doesn't mean that the government should follow suit.

Question 6: Do you support full time remote work for State employees?

Answer:

Additional Comment(s):

Question 7: Do you support or oppose funding new Engineering positions to assist with the delivery of transportation projects?

Answer: Yes

Additional Comment(s): Again, way too broad of a question. Which agencies? What are their current needs? Are projects slowed due to lack of staff? I do know that Milwaukie has struggled to keep our engineering department fully staffed so my answer is based on the guess that it is true for other agencies.

Question 8: ODOT Operational revenue will be in a deficit by 2024. What will you do to keep the State Highway Fund sustainable for the operational needs of ODOT and indirect costs for Engineering and Project Delivery staff?

Answer: Switch over to VMT instead of gas tax.

Question 9: Do you support or oppose the right of public employees to strike?

Answer: Support

Additional Comment(s):

Question 10: Do you support or oppose requiring the PEBB board to be more responsive to the health care needs of the public employees they serve?

Answer: Support

Additional Comment(s): Actually I hope to pass universal health care this year which would make that moot.

Rob Reynolds (Republican) – 41st District

No response.

Rob Nosse (Democrat) – 42nd District

No response.

Scott Trahan (Republican) – 42nd District

No response.

Shira Newman (Libertarian) – 42nd District

Question 1: HB2017 just hit it's 5-year milestone, should the State Secretary audit the bill to compare the costs between internal and external project delivery?

Answer: Yes

Additional Comment(s):

Question 2: Are you in favor of outsourcing work and projects to private consultants to perform routine and essential ODOT, ODF and OPRD functions?

Answer: Yes

Additional Comment(s): My real answer is 'maybe' and 'it depends'

If the people who are overseeing the work think this is the best way -- then yes, it could and should be done.

Micromanaging any agency really isn't the way we should be going.

Question 3: ODOT has internally committed to a target of 70% outsourced Project Delivery work. Do you support the agency's outsourcing goal? Would you support change if the cost to design projects increased due to this outsourcing target?

Answer: Support

Additional Comment(s): If ODOT feels that this is a good way to run their agency, then that's what should be done. Again, micromanaging an agency isn't a good idea.

As a legislator -- while yes, the state sends the money to agencies to do their jobs -- as a legislator micromanaging an agency is definitely not something I think should be done.

Question 4: Based on the current inflation, do you support or oppose a wage increase for public employees?

Answer: Oppose

Additional Comment(s): Again, the answer is 'it depends.'

If the wages are in line with market trends, then no adjustment would be needed.

It has nothing to do with inflation.

Question 5: Do you support or oppose continued reforms to PERS?

Answer: Support

Additional Comment(s): PERS was passed as a way to receive votes for politicians. The politicians are long gone and their promises are being kept.

The promises shouldn't have been made. Any changes we can make to limit the states liability and risk should be made.

Question 6: Do you support full time remote work for State employees?

Answer: No

Additional Comment(s): I presume this is a typo and it should say full?

Again, it depends. It wouldn't be up to the state legislature to micromanage agencies. The legislature could make recommendations and some positions could be done from home, likely, but oversight is also important. I could support full time remote work for state employees.

Question 7: Do you support or oppose funding new Engineering positions to assist with the delivery of transportation projects?

Answer: Yes

Additional Comment(s): What kind of a question is this? Of course I would support or oppose something. Is there any other way to be?

I don't even know how to answer this question.

Question 8: ODOT Operational revenue will be in a deficit by 2024. What will you do to keep the State Highway Fund sustainable for the operational needs of ODOT and indirect costs for Engineering and Project Delivery staff?

Answer: I'm not familiar enough to understand this question. Are taxes not going to be collected in 2024?

Question 9: Do you support or oppose the right of public employees to strike?

Answer: Support

Additional Comment(s): Again, I don't understand the question.

Question 10: Do you support or oppose requiring the PEBB board to be more responsive to the health care needs of the public employees they serve?

Answer: Oppose

Additional Comment(s): You would have to define 'more responsive' and 'health care needs' for me to know what this question is asking.

Tawna Sanchez (Democrat) – 43rd District

No response.

Tim LeMaster (Republican) – 43rd District

No response.

Morgan Hinthorne (Constitution) – 44th District

Question 1: HB2017 just hit it's 5-year milestone, should the State Secretary audit the bill to compare the costs between internal and external project delivery?

Answer: Yes

Additional Comment(s): Of course they should

Question 2: Are you in favor of outsourcing work and projects to private consultants to perform routine and essential ODOT, ODF and OPRD functions?

Answer: Yes

Additional Comment(s): Of course

Question 3: ODOT has internally committed to a target of 70% outsourced Project Delivery work. Do you support the agency's outsourcing goal? Would you support change if the cost to design projects increased due to this outsourcing target?

Answer: Support

Additional Comment(s): I always want to favor cost cutting while maintaining quality and delivery time

Question 4: Based on the current inflation, do you support or oppose a wage increase for public employees?

Answer: Oppose

Additional Comment(s): we should lower tx burden in proportion to the amount our leaders inflate our currency

Question 5: Do you support or oppose continued reforms to PERS?

Answer: Support

Additional Comment(s): PERS reform is inevitable, anyone who says otherwise is a liar

Question 6: Do you support full time remote work for State employees?

Answer: Yes

Additional Comment(s): many jobs are able to be full work at home positions

Question 7: Do you support or oppose funding new Engineering positions to assist with the delivery of transportation projects?

Answer: Yes

Additional Comment(s): depends on the position. There should be an NA option

Question 8: ODOT Operational revenue will be in a deficit by 2024. What will you do to keep the State Highway Fund sustainable for the operational needs of ODOT and indirect costs for Engineering and Project Delivery staff?

Answer: an audit would be a nice start, where are the costs coming from? This question is incomplete

Question 9: Do you support or oppose the right of public employees to strike?

Answer: Support

Additional Comment(s): Over what? incomplete question. There should be an NA option

Question 10: Do you support or oppose requiring the PEBB board to be more responsive to the health care needs of the public employees they serve?

Answer: Support

Additional Comment(s): Not enough info, There should be an NA option

Rolf Schuler (Republican) – 44th District

No response.

Travis Nelson (Democrat / Working Families) – 44th District

No response.

George Donnerberg (Republican) – 45th District

No response.

Thuy Tran (democrat / Independent) – 45th District

Question 1: HB2017 just hit it's 5-year milestone, should the State Secretary audit the bill to compare the costs between internal and external project delivery?

Answer: Yes

Additional Comment(s): Audits, transparency and accountability are necessary for trust especially in workmanship, safety and long term values of projects.

Question 2: Are you in favor of outsourcing work and projects to private consultants to perform routine and essential ODOT, ODF and OPRD functions?

Answer: No

Additional Comment(s): Routine and essential functions should be kept in house and manning level should be funded appropriately.

As a Parkrose School District Board member, I voted against outsourcing busing services, an essential need for our children obtaining education.

Question 3: ODOT has internally committed to a target of 70% outsourced Project Delivery work. Do you support the agency's outsourcing goal? Would you support change if the cost to design projects increased due to this outsourcing target?

Answer: Oppose

Additional Comment(s): I would not support this goal if in-house work is more effective and efficient.

I would rather ODOT provides internships and apprenticeships to build a stronger work force.

Question 4: Based on the current inflation, do you support or oppose a wage increase for

public employees?

Answer: Support

Additional Comment(s): Cost of living adjustment is necessary for all work force to maintain living wages and is essential for retention and recruitment.

Question 5: Do you support or oppose continued reforms to PERS?

Answer: Oppose

Additional Comment(s): A promise is a promise. The state has broken this promise before. Let us not balance the budget on the back of our long term employees.

Question 6: Do you support full time remote work for State employees?

Answer:

Additional Comment(s):

Question 7: Do you support or oppose funding new Engineering positions to assist with the delivery of transportation projects?

Answer: Yes

Additional Comment(s): Growth, development, recruitment and retention are necessary for any effective and thriving organization.

I support training, especially internships and apprenticeships, with considerations for outreach to marginalized economic and ethnic communities.

Also, excessive overtime is detrimental to employees' work life balance, thus adequate manning is needed.

Question 8: ODOT Operational revenue will be in a deficit by 2024. What will you do to keep the State Highway Fund sustainable for the operational needs of ODOT and indirect costs for Engineering and Project Delivery staff?

Answer: I will get to lean on the experiences of frontline folks like AEEO to support the solving of this issue, as well as work with my legislative colleagues to find creative solutions.

Question 9: Do you support or oppose the right of public employees to strike?

Answer: Support

Additional Comment(s): Collective bargaining is every worker's right.

Question 10: Do you support or oppose requiring the PEBB board to be more responsive to the health care needs of the public employees they serve?

Answer: Support

Additional Comment(s): I am in support of collective power in bargaining/negotiation of pricing and have been a supporter of universal health care for all Oregonians.

Khanh Pham (Working Families) – 46th District (Completed PARTIAL Survey)

Question 1: HB2017 just hit it's 5-year milestone, should the State Secretary audit the bill to compare the costs between internal and external project delivery?

Answer: Yes

Additional Comment(s): I think it's important to ensure

Question 2: Are you in favor of outsourcing work and projects to private consultants to perform routine and essential ODOT, ODF and OPRD functions?

Answer: No

Additional Comment(s):

Question 3: ODOT has internally committed to a target of 70% outsourced Project Delivery

work. Do you support the agency's outsourcing goal? Would you support change if the cost to design projects increased due to this outsourcing target?

Answer: Oppose

Additional Comment(s): I think it's important to build exp

Question 4: Based on the current inflation, do you support or oppose a wage increase for public employees?

Answer: Support

Additional Comment(s): I support increasing wages of public employees to keep up with current inflation.

Question 5: Do you support or oppose continued reforms to PERS?

Answer: Oppose

Additional Comment(s): I oppose continued reforms to PERS.

Question 6: Do you support full time remote work for State employees?

Answer:

Additional Comment(s):

Question 7: Do you support or oppose funding new Engineering positions to assist with the delivery of transportation projects?

Answer:

Additional Comment(s):

Question 8: ODOT Operational revenue will be in a deficit by 2024. What will you do to keep the State Highway Fund sustainable for the operational needs of ODOT and indirect costs for Engineering and Project Delivery staff?

Answer:

Question 9: Do you support or oppose the right of public employees to strike?

Answer: Support

Additional Comment(s):

Question 10: Do you support or oppose requiring the PEBB board to be more responsive to the health care needs of the public employees they serve?

Answer: Support

Additional Comment(s):

Khanh Pham (Democrat) - 46th District

No response.

Timothy R Sytsma (Republican) - 46th District

No response.

Andrea Valderrama (Democrat) - 47th District

No response.

Bill Stewart (Republican) - 47th District

No response.

Hoa H Nguyen (Democrat) - 48th District

No response.

Hoa H Nguyen (Independent / Working Families) – 48th District

No response.

John Masterman (Republican) – 48th District

No response.

Randy E Lauer (Republican) – 49th District

Question 1: HB2017 just hit it's 5-year milestone, should the State Secretary audit the bill to compare the costs between internal and external project delivery?

Answer: Yes

Additional Comment(s):

Question 2: Are you in favor of outsourcing work and projects to private consultants to perform routine and essential ODOT, ODF and OPRD functions?

Answer: Yes

Additional Comment(s): I am in favor of finding cost effective ways to offer the same level of service or greater to the community. If that means outsourcing, than so be it.

Question 3: ODOT has internally committed to a target of 70% outsourced Project Delivery work. Do you support the agency's outsourcing goal? Would you support change if the cost to design projects increased due to this outsourcing target?

Answer: Oppose

Additional Comment(s): I do not support outsourcing just for outsourcing sake. If ODOT's reasoning was due to lack of funding or workforce, outsourcing seems like a legitimate tool. Until finding and workforce returns of course.

Question 4: Based on the current inflation, do you support or oppose a wage increase for public employees?

Answer: Support

Additional Comment(s): I will always support a fair wage for honest work.

Question 5: Do you support or oppose continued reforms to PERS?

Answer: Support

Additional Comment(s): PERS is a mess and it may be up to us OPSERP employees to find a way out of this mess.

Question 6: Do you support full time remote work for State employees?

Answer: Yes

Additional Comment(s): I am unclear as to what full time remote work is. I support agencies finding ways to get employees back to in person work sooner rather than later.

Question 7: Do you support or oppose funding new Engineering positions to assist with the delivery of transportation projects?

Answer: Yes

Additional Comment(s):

Question 8: ODOT Operational revenue will be in a deficit by 2024. What will you do to keep

the State Highway Fund sustainable for the operational needs of ODOT and indirect costs for Engineering and Project Delivery staff?

Answer: Find opportunities to work more with what funding we have. Minimize excess costs and spend wisely towards the future instead of spending towards fulfilling agendas handed down by a one party ruled government.

Question 9: Do you support or oppose the right of public employees to strike?

Answer: Support

Additional Comment(s):

Question 10: Do you support or oppose requiring the PEBB board to be more responsive to the health care needs of the public employees they serve?

Answer: Support

Additional Comment(s):

Zach Hudson (Democrat / Independent / Working Families) – 49th District

Question 1: HB2017 just hit it's 5-year milestone, should the State Secretary audit the bill to compare the costs between internal and external project delivery?

Answer: No

Additional Comment(s): I don't know enough about the situation surrounding this bill to comment with any authority. My experience with the State Auditor is that they have an internal process to determine which State programs are highest priority for auditing, so in general I would say to let them decide; however, if there were circumstances that elevated this program's urgency, I would be happy to hear about them.

Question 2: Are you in favor of outsourcing work and projects to private consultants to perform routine and essential ODOT, ODF and OPRD functions?

Answer: No

Additional Comment(s): I am generally against outsourcing. I think our public servants have the skills and commitment to do the job, and outsourcing for the sake of cost leads to false savings in the end. I would only support outsourcing in the case of specific technical need.

Question 3: ODOT has internally committed to a target of 70% outsourced Project Delivery work. Do you support the agency's outsourcing goal? Would you support change if the cost to design projects increased due to this outsourcing target?

Answer: Support

Additional Comment(s): I don't know enough about ODOT to comment. I believe the the agency's goal is the result of careful analysis and collaboration, so I trust it.

Question 4: Based on the current inflation, do you support or oppose a wage increase for public employees?

Answer: Support

Additional Comment(s): As a public employee myself, and the child of public employees, this issue is one I have long championed.

Question 5: Do you support or oppose continued reforms to PERS?

Answer: Oppose

Additional Comment(s): If by "reforms" you mean "cuts", I firmly oppose them. If any reforms were proposed to PERS that would benefit its members, I would of course support those.

Question 6: Do you support full time remote work for State employees?

Answer:

Additional Comment(s):

Question 7: Do you support or oppose funding new Engineering positions to assist with the

delivery of transportation projects?

Answer: Yes

Additional Comment(s): This is outside of my area of expertise, so I can't speak with any detail; however, it makes sense to me that hiring skilled employees will deliver better results on projects.

Question 8: ODOT Operational revenue will be in a deficit by 2024. What will you do to keep the State Highway Fund sustainable for the operational needs of ODOT and indirect costs for Engineering and Project Delivery staff?

Answer: This is outside of my area of expertise, but I look forward to learning more.

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Answer: Support

Additional Comment(s):

Question 10: Do you support or oppose requiring the PEBB board to be more responsive to the health care needs of the public employees they serve?

Answer: Support

Additional Comment(s):

Amelia Salvador (Republican) – 50th District

No response.

Ricki Ruiz (Democrat / Independent / Working Families) – 50th District

No response.

James Hieb (Republican) – 51st District

No response.

Walt Trandum (Democrat / Progressive) – 51st District

No response.

Darcy Long (Democrat / Independent / Working Families) – 52nd District

No response.

Jeff Helfrich (Republican) – 52nd District

No response.

Emerson Levy (Democrat / Independent) – 53rd District

No response.

Michael Sipe (Republican) – 53rd District

No response.

Jason Kropf (Democrat / Independent / Working Families) – 54th District

No response.

Judy Trego (Republican) – 54th District

No response.

Brian Lepore (Democrat / Independent / Working Families) – 55th District

No response.

E Werner Reschke (Republican) – 55th District

No response.

Emily G McIntire (Republican) – 56th District

No response.

Jonathan P Chenjeri (Democrat / Working Families) – 56th District

No response.

Greg Smith (Democrat / Republican) – 57th District

No response.

Bobby Levy (Democrat / Republican) – 58th District

No response.

Jesse Bonifer (Libertarian) – 58th District

No response.

Lawrence Jones (Democrat / Independent) – 59th District

No response.

Vikki Breese-Iverson (Republican) – 59th District

No response.

Antonio Sunseri (Progressive) – 60th District

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Answer: Yes

Additional Comment(s):

Question 2: Are you in favor of outsourcing work and projects to private consultants to perform routine and essential ODOT, ODF and OPRD functions?

Answer: No

Additional Comment(s):

Question 3: ODOT has internally committed to a target of 70% outsourced Project Delivery

work. Do you support the agency's outsourcing goal? Would you support change if the cost to design projects increased due to this outsourcing target?

Answer: Oppose

Additional Comment(s):

Question 4: Based on the current inflation, do you support or oppose a wage increase for public employees?

Answer: Support

Additional Comment(s):

Question 5: Do you support or oppose continued reforms to PERS?

Answer: Support

Additional Comment(s):

Question 6: Do you support full time remote work for State employees?

Answer: Yes

Additional Comment(s): If an employees duties can be adequately performed remotely they should be able to.

Question 7: Do you support or oppose funding new Engineering positions to assist with the delivery of transportation projects?

Answer: Yes

Additional Comment(s):

Question 8: ODOT Operational revenue will be in a deficit by 2024. What will you do to keep the State Highway Fund sustainable for the operational needs of ODOT and indirect costs for Engineering and Project Delivery staff?

Answer: A vehicle mileage tax, higher for electric vehicles that pay no gas tax would be one way to get more revenue.

More toll bridges or roads, where feasible.

Reduce the amount of work outsourced to privatized companies.

The State should be doing more to repair and improve infrastructure.

The State should employ as many people as possible in public works projects. And designate funding for that.

Question 9: Do you support or oppose the right of public employees to strike?

Answer: Support

Additional Comment(s):

Question 10: Do you support or oppose requiring the PEBB board to be more responsive to the health care needs of the public employees they serve?

Answer: Support

Additional Comment(s):

Mark Owens (Democrat / Independent / Republican) - 60th District

No response.

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Jeff Golden (Democrat) – 3rd District

Question 1: HB2017 just hit it's 5-year milestone, should the State Secretary audit the bill to compare the costs between internal and external project delivery?

Answer: Yes

Additional Comment(s): Probably. We have an overarching revenue challenge in the upcoming session, and it's important to consider how urgent the other audits on the SoS's prospective list are. If resource limitation isn't an issue, then an unqualified 'yes'.

Question 2: Are you in favor of outsourcing work and projects to private consultants to perform routine and essential ODOT, ODF and OPRD functions?

Answer: No

Additional Comment(s): Completely depending on the case. Outsourcing can be justified IF the performance metrics and standards for completion are entirely clear, objective and verifiable, with final payment dependent on 100% satisfactory completion. When that's not the case--eg, the decency of conditions in penal institutions--outsourcing can have adverse outcomes on the back end.

Question 3: ODOT has internally committed to a target of 70% outsourced Project Delivery work. Do you support the agency's outsourcing goal? Would you support change if the cost to design projects increased due to this outsourcing target?

Answer: Oppose

Additional Comment(s): We can't meet existing infrastructure needs with available resources and in most cases need to prioritize avoiding cost increases.

Question 4: Based on the current inflation, do you support or oppose a wage increase for public employees?

Answer: Support

Additional Comment(s): COLAs certainly. Other than that, perhaps (none of these questions lend themselves well to a YES/NO choice). I'm much more supportive at the lower end of the public employees wage scale, as employees at that end are getting by at or close to the poverty level.

Question 5: Do you support or oppose continued reforms to PERS?

Answer: Support

Additional Comment(s): Perhaps, but there's so much myth around this issue. One principle has to be that current employees at later, much less generous pension tiers should not bear the burden created by overgenerous Tier 1 costs. PERS reform should be combined with broader revenue reform,

Question 6: Do you support full time remote work for State employees?

Answer: Yes

Additional Comment(s): Sorry, don't know what "fill time" is. The appropriateness of remote work very much depends on job description

Question 7: Do you support or oppose funding new Engineering positions to assist with the delivery of transportation projects?

Answer: Yes

Additional Comment(s): If adequate revenue is available. I don't know the ODOT budget well enough to know how this ranks among vital priorities

Question 8: ODOT Operational revenue will be in a deficit by 2024. What will you do to keep the State Highway Fund sustainable for the operational needs of ODOT and indirect costs for Engineering and Project Delivery staff?

Answer: Beyond saying we can't redirect General Funds to ODOT, as the GF won't cover current

needs as-is, I don't know. Would very much like your suggestions,

Question 9: Do you support or oppose the right of public employees to strike?

Answer: Support

Additional Comment(s):

Question 10: Do you support or oppose requiring the PEBB board to be more responsive to the health care needs of the public employees they serve?

Answer: Support

Additional Comment(s): GENERAL NOTE: In some cases I checked "support" and "oppose" when the more accurate answer would have been "depends". Please judge this based on my additional comments. Thank you, JG

Jeff Golden (Independent / Progressive / Working Families) – 3rd District

No response.

Randy Sparacino (Republican) – 3rd District

No response.

Eric Pinnell (Libertarian) – 4th District

No response.

Floyd Prozanski (Democrat / Republican) – 4th District

No response.

Ashley Pelton (Democrat / Independent) – 6th District

No response.

Cedric R Hayden (Republican) – 6th District

No response.

James I Manning Jr (Democrat / Working Families) – 7th District

No response.

Raquel M Ivie (Republican) – 7th District

No response.

Sara Gelser Blouin (Democrat / Independent / Working Families) – 8th District

No response.

Valerie Draper Woldeit (Republican) – 8th District

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Answer: Yes

Additional Comment(s):

Question 2: Are you in favor of outsourcing work and projects to private consultants to perform routine and essential ODOT, ODF and OPRD functions?

Answer: Yes

Additional Comment(s):

Question 3: ODOT has internally committed to a target of 70% outsourced Project Delivery work. Do you support the agency's outsourcing goal? Would you support change if the cost to design projects increased due to this outsourcing target?

Answer: Oppose

Additional Comment(s):

Question 4: Based on the current inflation, do you support or oppose a wage increase for public employees?

Answer: Support

Additional Comment(s):

Question 5: Do you support or oppose continued reforms to PERS?

Answer: Support

Additional Comment(s): I would have to look into it. I do not support %100 retirement benefits.

Question 6: Do you support full time remote work for State employees?

Answer: No

Additional Comment(s): Only when necessary for the disabled, childcare issues or employee's location is a great distance from the office.

Question 7: Do you support or oppose funding new Engineering positions to assist with the delivery of transportation projects?

Answer: Yes

Additional Comment(s): Support

Question 8: ODOT Operational revenue will be in a deficit by 2024. What will you do to keep the State Highway Fund sustainable for the operational needs of ODOT and indirect costs for Engineering and Project Delivery staff?

Answer: We will see what is available when I get in office.

Question 9: Do you support or oppose the right of public employees to strike?

Answer: Support

Additional Comment(s):

Question 10: Do you support or oppose requiring the PEBB board to be more responsive to the health care needs of the public employees they serve?

Answer: Support

Additional Comment(s):

Deb Patterson (Democrat / Independent) - 10th District

Question 1: HB2017 just hit it's 5-year milestone, should the State Secretary audit the bill to compare the costs between internal and external project delivery?

Answer: Yes

Additional Comment(s): Any big bill like this should trigger an audit by the Secretary of State, who has been doing a great job on audits since beginning her work in 2021.

Question 2: Are you in favor of outsourcing work and projects to private consultants to perform routine and essential ODOT, ODF and OPRD functions?

Answer: No

Additional Comment(s): I'm certainly not an expert on this topic, so I would appreciate your help in understanding this more. If the question is, should essential projects be outsourced that could easily be done on a routine basis for these agencies, then I would say no, these projects should be done by the qualified and experienced engineers on the agency staff.

Question 3: ODOT has internally committed to a target of 70% outsourced Project Delivery work. Do you support the agency's outsourcing goal? Would you support change if the cost to design projects increased due to this outsourcing target?

Answer: Support

Additional Comment(s): I'm not sure how ODOT reached the target of 70% Project Delivery work, and again, I would like more information from AEE. Again, I would prefer that projects be performed by agency experts, and only in special cases should outside consultants be used, in my opinion. Even more so if the cost to design projects increases due to this outsourcing target.

Question 4: Based on the current inflation, do you support or oppose a wage increase for public employees?

Answer: Support

Additional Comment(s): I support staying in line with current inflation for all public and private employees.

Question 5: Do you support or oppose continued reforms to PERS?

Answer: Oppose

Additional Comment(s): PERS is an important part of the overall package of compensation for public employees, and I do not support further changes to PERS.

Question 6: Do you support full time remote work for State employees?

Answer: Yes

Additional Comment(s): Depending on the position, this has been shown to be easily feasible, as many State employees did this during the pandemic for years. (I'm assuming this question is "full time.")

Question 7: Do you support or oppose funding new Engineering positions to assist with the delivery of transportation projects?

Answer: Yes

Additional Comment(s): I support funding new State engineering positions to assist with the delivery of transportation projects.

Question 8: ODOT Operational revenue will be in a deficit by 2024. What will you do to keep the State Highway Fund sustainable for the operational needs of ODOT and indirect costs for Engineering and Project Delivery staff?

Answer: We must invest in our roads, and I will look at all available avenues to keep the State Highway Fund sustainable, as well as support indirect costs for Engineering and Project Delivery staff.

Question 9: Do you support or oppose the right of public employees to strike?

Answer: Support

Additional Comment(s): I am an SEIU 503 member and support the right to collectively bargain, and strike if the members so choose.

Question 10: Do you support or oppose requiring the PEBB board to be more responsive to the health care needs of the public employees they serve?

Answer: Support

Additional Comment(s): I support requiring the PEBB board to be more responsive to the health care needs of the public employees they serve, particularly the mental health needs following the difficult time of the pandemic and other recent challenges.

Raquel Moore-Green (Libertarian / Republican) – 10th District

No response.

Kim Thatcher (Libertarian / Republican) – 11th District

No response.

Richard (Rich) Walsh (Democrat) – 11th District

No response.

Aaron Woods (Democrat) – 13th District

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Additional Comment(s): HB 2017 was a major restructuring of ODOT services, revenue, etc. Revenues are increased as "accountability" goals are reached. The ODOT website indicates "The revenue increases outlined in the bill have only gone into effect when ODOT has met accountability requirements. Our success in meeting those requirements is documented in the Conditional Fuels Tax Increase Report." However, tables on the website indicate that many projects are late and/or over budget.

The amounts of revenue involved are significant. For example, the Revenue Impact Statement for the bill was over \$5B net revenue, and the current ODOT website states, "\$312 million for public transportation Investments have helped to make Oregon more equitable, sustainable and affordable."

Because some of the accountability indicators are that projects are late and over budget, and because of the significant amount of public funds involved, as a Senator, I would support the state exercising its fiduciary responsibilities and conducting an independent Secretary of State audit. I would support including in the audit, an analysis of internal and external project delivery.

Question 2: Are you in favor of outsourcing work and projects to private consultants to perform routine and essential ODOT, ODF and OPRD functions?

Answer: No

Additional Comment(s): There are many examples of harm to the public with outsourcing and/or privatization, such as prisons, foster care, education, etc. The profit motive is not necessarily consistent with providing quality services to the public. I believe that ODOT's, ODF's, and OPRD's use of part-time and seasonal employees provides the necessary flexibility for performing duties that don't require full-time permanent staff.

The costs and benefits of using employees vs. private consultants could be considered, particularly when there aren't enough employees to fulfill essential functions, or specific expertise is needed. However, for a return on the investment in recruiting, hiring, training, and retaining public employees it is advisable to use them to perform routine and essential functions. It will also assure better management of and greater accountability for the quality of services provided.

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Answer: Oppose

Additional Comment(s): 70% seems like an arbitrarily high across-the-board percentage. Similar to the response to question 2, if outsourcing is to be considered, a cost-benefit analysis should be done on a project-by-project basis.

From a workforce development perspective, State engineering jobs are good family wage jobs, and the services they provide support the infrastructure which benefits all Oregonians and the Oregon economy. Having engineering work performed by dedicated, skilled career professionals is a plus for Oregon.

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Answer: Support

Additional Comment(s): Annual cost of living adjustments calculated according to multiple factors, including the inflation-sensitive Consumer Price Index, should be continued.

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Answer: Oppose

Additional Comment(s): The PERS Unfunded Actuarial Liability is serious, but it will disappear in the not-too-distant future as Tier 1 and 2 employees pass away/leave the system. In order to recruit and retain a quality public workforce, we need to assure that salaries and benefits, including retirement, are competitive and support Oregon Supreme Court decisions (e.g., Moro), which have confirmed that retirement benefits are a contractual right.

Question 6: Do you support full time remote work for State employees?

Answer: Yes

Additional Comment(s): Again, the cost-benefit of remote work should be considered, as well as having adequate metrics for performance appraisal, productivity, accountability; and effective means of communication.

Question 7: Do you support or oppose funding new Engineering positions to assist with the delivery of transportation projects?

Answer: Yes

Additional Comment(s): I support funding of new Engineering positions if the projects are essential and there is sufficient revenue.

Question 8: ODOT Operational revenue will be in a deficit by 2024. What will you do to keep the State Highway Fund sustainable for the operational needs of ODOT and indirect costs for Engineering and Project Delivery staff?

Answer: Hopefully the revenue reforms of HB 2017 will have been realized and made permanent through accountability measures.

Regarding tolling, ODOT should be responsive to public input, and prepare for the possibility that enough signatures will be gathered to place the "no on tolling" ballot measure on the ballot.

Consideration of rebalancing the many sources of revenue to the State Highway Fund, including weight mile tax and other types of user/consumption taxes, should be considered.

Question 9: Do you support or oppose the right of public employees to strike?

Answer: Support

Additional Comment(s): I support laws that are in place regarding public employees' right to strike, with the safeguards of the collective bargaining process and protection of public safety for critical safety positions and other essential positions.

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Answer: Support

Additional Comment(s): PEBB should assure that health insurance is part of the total package of compensation to public employees, and is competitive with the private sector.

Meeting the health care needs of public employees, and of all Oregonians, should be a priority.

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John D Velez (Independent / Republican) – 13th District

No response.

Carolina Malmedal (Republican) – 15th District

No response.

Janeen Sollman (Democrat) – 15th District

No response.

Janeen Sollman (Independent) – 15th District

No response.

Melissa Busch (Democrat / Independent) – 16th District

Question 1: HB2017 just hit it's 5-year milestone, should the State Secretary audit the bill to compare the costs between internal and external project delivery?

Answer: Yes

Additional Comment(s): I support gathering information so we can make the most informed decisions possible. If an audit of HB2017 will provide accurate information about costs to help form appropriate legislative decision making and agency implementation practices, then I absolutely support the audit.

Question 2: Are you in favor of outsourcing work and projects to private consultants to perform routine and essential ODOT, ODF and OPRD functions?

Answer: No

Additional Comment(s): I do not support the privatization or outsourcing of public employees work, unless it is also supported by the internal, public employees doing the work. If outsourcing is indicated due to staffing shortages, like in the case of firefighters during wildfire season for example, then I would want to ensure that hiring of private contractors or consultants is not done at the expense of public employees but in collaboration with these employees and their representing unions.

Question 3: ODOT has internally committed to a target of 70% outsourced Project Delivery work. Do you support the agency's outsourcing goal? Would you support change if the cost to design projects increased due to this outsourcing target?

Answer: Oppose

Additional Comment(s): As stated in the prior question, I generally do not support the outsourcing of public employees work, unless it is also supported by the public employees doing the work and negotiated fairly with their representing unions. I particularly do not support outsourcing if it results in misuse of state funds. We must use state revenue wisely and responsibly, and we must honor our commitments to public employees.

Question 4: Based on the current inflation, do you support or oppose a wage increase for public employees?

Answer: Support

Additional Comment(s): Given current inflation, the drastic increase to overall cost of living, as well as the reality that most public employees are paid less than their counterparts working in the private sector, I support wage increases for public employees. We must ensure that public employees are paid fair wages and earn good benefits for the service they provide to our communities.

Question 5: Do you support or oppose continued reforms to PERS?

Answer: Oppose

Additional Comment(s): I fully oppose cuts to PERS, plain and simple. I opposed the PERS cuts that were made in 2019 and if elected I will fight to protect benefits for our hard working public employees. To prevent these kinds of cuts from happening in the future, we must elect labor champions like myself. Balancing revenue and expenditures cannot happen on the backs of our public employees. I will always stand with workers and PERS.

Question 6: Do you support full time remote work for State employees?

Answer: Yes

Additional Comment(s): Remote work allows agencies to reduce overhead costs, allow employees flexibility, decrease commute demands, and grow diversity of workforce. I support remote work options for job duties that can transition to remote settings and I believe the last two years have shown us that many jobs can absolutely be done productively remotely.

Question 7: Do you support or oppose funding new Engineering positions to assist with the delivery of transportation projects?

Answer: Yes

Additional Comment(s): I support funding of new Engineering positions to meet the demands of the growing need for transportation and infrastructure projects across the state. My district is in desperate need of infrastructure upgrades for general safety and emergency preparedness, and I support the state investing in solutions to make these projects happen in a safe and timely manner.

Question 8: ODOT Operational revenue will be in a deficit by 2024. What will you do to keep the State Highway Fund sustainable for the operational needs of ODOT and indirect costs for Engineering and Project Delivery staff?

Answer: I believe the state needs to continue to work on revenue solutions to meet the funding needs of critical work, like that of ODOT. We must make meaningful investments in transportation and ensure that there are adequate Engineering and Project Delivery staff to meet those needs. We also must ensure that staff are paid fair wages for the essential work they are doing to execute these projects safely.

Question 9: Do you support or oppose the right of public employees to strike?

Answer: Support

Additional Comment(s): I am committed to supporting negotiations for fair contracts for all workers and believe in the importance of standing by strike efforts when unfair or unsafe practices go unaddressed. I have supported collective action through bargaining campaigns inside and outside of my own union, I will stand alongside workers on the picket lines and support collective efforts for fair pay, good benefits, and safe working conditions.

Question 10: Do you support or oppose requiring the PEBB board to be more responsive to the health care needs of the public employees they serve?

Answer: Support

Additional Comment(s): As a nurse, I will always stand by the healthcare needs of our communities, including all public employees. Healthcare is an essential human need and I believe that insurers and boards that are making decisions about healthcare coverage, like the PEBB board, are taking into consideration the very real needs of the people they serve.

Suzanne Weber (Republican) - 16th District

No response.

Elizabeth Steiner Hayward (Democrat / Independent) – 17th District

Question 1: HB2017 just hit it's 5-year milestone, should the State Secretary audit the bill to compare the costs between internal and external project delivery?

Answer: Yes

Additional Comment(s): I am generally supportive of investigating the efficacy and affordability of all state-funded projects, but would need to see how this fits into the overall annual audit plan, the scope of the audit, and the questions to be answered.

Question 2: Are you in favor of outsourcing work and projects to private consultants to perform routine and essential ODOT, ODF and OPRD functions?

Answer: No

Additional Comment(s): Routine functions of state government should be generally performed by state agencies. Larger one-time projects should certainly be eligible for work performed by outside entities.

Question 3: ODOT has internally committed to a target of 70% outsourced Project Delivery work. Do you support the agency's outsourcing goal? Would you support change if the cost to design projects increased due to this outsourcing target?

Answer: Oppose

Additional Comment(s): I am not an expert in this area and would appreciate education from ACEC about how the state would benefit through this additional investment.

Question 4: Based on the current inflation, do you support or oppose a wage increase for public employees?

Answer: Support

Additional Comment(s):

Question 5: Do you support or oppose continued reforms to PERS?

Answer: Oppose

Additional Comment(s): We have done everything we can legally do and I do not support altering the promised benefits any further.

Question 6: Do you support full time remote work for State employees?

Answer: Yes

Additional Comment(s): Remote work is definitely appropriate for certain state employees, but I defer to agency leadership on when and how that aligns with the responsibilities of a given position.

Question 7: Do you support or oppose funding new Engineering positions to assist with the delivery of transportation projects?

Answer: Yes

Additional Comment(s): I am generally supportive, but again would need to learn more about the benefits to the state by adding personnel. As Co-Chair of Ways & Means, I do not commit to funding any specific request until the legislation has moved through the Ways & Means process.

Question 8: ODOT Operational revenue will be in a deficit by 2024. What will you do to keep the State Highway Fund sustainable for the operational needs of ODOT and indirect costs for Engineering and Project Delivery staff?

Answer: The state needs to switch the majority of vehicles to taxation based on vehicle miles traveled rather than depending solely on the gas tax.

Question 9: Do you support or oppose the right of public employees to strike?

Answer: Support

Additional Comment(s):

Question 10: Do you support or oppose requiring the PEBB board to be more responsive to the health care needs of the public employees they serve?

Answer: Support

Additional Comment(s): I would need to know more specific details about this, but am generally supportive of giving public employees more say in decisions regarding their healthcare access. That being said, benefits provided through PEBB should be congruent with evidence-based practice and policies.

John Verbeek (Republican) – 17th District

No response.

Kimberly Rice (Constitution) – 18th District

No response.

Kimberly Rice (Republican) – 18th District

No response.

Rich Vial (Nonaffiliated) – 18th District

No response.

Wlnsvey E Campos (Working Families) – 18th District

Question 1: HB2017 just hit it's 5-year milestone, should the State Secretary audit the bill to compare the costs between internal and external project delivery?

Answer: Yes

Additional Comment(s):

Question 2: Are you in favor of outsourcing work and projects to private consultants to perform routine and essential ODOT, ODF and OPRD functions?

Answer: No

Additional Comment(s): This is a practice I'm generally opposed to. I believe that the routine and essential functions of our state agencies should be performed, as much as possible, by employees of those agencies. Agency employees are the most familiar with the functions and public dollars should be kept in public hands whenever possible, not given to private firms seeking profits over the quality of our institutions.

Question 3: ODOT has internally committed to a target of 70% outsourced Project Delivery work. Do you support the agency's outsourcing goal? Would you support change if the cost to design projects increased due to this outsourcing target?

Answer: Oppose

Additional Comment(s): ODOT's goal of 70% outsourced project delivery work is too high. When outside contractors are our main source of project delivery, mechanisms for keeping costs stable and low and for keeping the project on track are no longer as firmly in the government's hands and leads to unpredictable final project costs that are often much higher than was initially projected. Additionally, investing in local and unionized skilled labor instead of outsourcing these projects to large corporations or other entities is not a realized cost when we are keeping dollars in Oregon, expanding our state economy, and supporting working families and their trades.

Question 4: Based on the current inflation, do you support or oppose a wage increase for public employees?

Answer: Support

Additional Comment(s):

Question 5: Do you support or oppose continued reforms to PERS?

Answer: Oppose

Additional Comment(s): The 2019 PERS “reform” bill was a betrayal of union members by Oregon Democrats. PERS recipients are not at fault for the underfunding of the program and should not have to sacrifice their retirement benefits because of poor financial planning at the state level. Benefits promised to public employees should be treated as a debt that Oregon is obligated to pay, not a potential area to cut costs. I would be open to any potential PERS reform that was seen as needed by PERS recipients and the unions who represent them, but would never support any changes to PERS that were opposed by PERS recipients and their unions.

Question 6: Do you support full time remote work for State employees?

Answer: Yes

Additional Comment(s):

Question 7: Do you support or oppose funding new Engineering positions to assist with the delivery of transportation projects?

Answer: Yes

Additional Comment(s):

Question 8: ODOT Operational revenue will be in a deficit by 2024. What will you do to keep the State Highway Fund sustainable for the operational needs of ODOT and indirect costs for Engineering and Project Delivery staff?

Answer: I believe that there are multiple avenues of action that need to be taken to stabilize the State Highway Fund and am open to exploring a variety of options, including increased taxes on companies like Uber and Lyft, fees associated with vehicle miles traveled, increased parking fees, or congestion fees. What I am opposed to would be the blanket use of tolling to pay for the needs of the State Highway Fund. Tolling is a largely inefficient and inequitable method of raising revenue, as well as being a bad mechanism for decreasing congestion. I do not believe that low income commuters should bear the brunt of the financial cost for stabilizing the State Highway Fund and would be opposed to any toll that is not appropriately adjusted for income of the commuter.

Question 9: Do you support or oppose the right of public employees to strike?

Answer: Support

Additional Comment(s):

Question 10: Do you support or oppose requiring the PEBB board to be more responsive to the health care needs of the public employees they serve?

Answer: Support

Additional Comment(s):

Wlmsvey E Campos (Democrat) - 18th District

No response.

Ben Edtl (Republican) - 19th District

No response.

Rob Wagner (Democrat / Independent) - 19th District

No response.

Bill Kennemer (Republican) - 20th District

No response.

Bill Kennemer (Independent / Libertarian) – 20th District

No response.

Mark Meek (Democrat) – 20th District

No response.

Kayse Jama (Independent / Working Families) – 24th District

No response.

Kayse Jama (Democrat) – 24th District

No response.

Stan Catherman (Republican) – 24th District

No response.

Daniel G Bonham (Republican) – 26th District

No response.

Raz Mason (Democrat / Independent) – 26th District

No response