



28% pay raise & \$15,000/mo. consultants

Government rewards itself while we sink deep into 10 worst job states

Oregon is handing out pay raises for people involved in failures on a national scale.

When Oregon became a national disaster for wasting a ¼ billion on a healthcare website, Cover Oregon, that failed to properly enroll a single person, Governor Kitzhaber proudly stood before TV cameras and fired the director stating it was “effective immediately”. It turns out he really wasn’t fired (what?) and instead he was turned into an official state consultant for \$14,425 a month.

The former Chief Operating Officer of the website was critical of Kitzhaber and was latter awarded a \$67,000 settlement and is forbidden to speak negatively on the project.

Paying people to not flee

The Cover Oregon meltdown is so bad that the state may be paying \$650,000 in “please-don’t-leave” bonuses to nearly 160 employees so they will not quit working. *(Read more on this scandal on backside) Oregonian 6-24-14*

28% pay raise for one of the worst schools in the nation?

Portland School Board Chair, Carole Smith, was awarded a 28% pay increase for a school district— that is among the worst in the nation by several national comparisons.

So that’s why they need to steal our kicker tax refund



- Portland has the 4th worst graduation rate in the nation!
 - Student diplomas are in jeopardy because the District violated minimum class-time laws. The State has threatened to revoke student credits earned unless Portland teachers spend the minimum hours for each course.
 - Portland teachers are among the most absent in the nation! They miss an average 14 days each year *(not including their three month summer vacation, Federal Holidays & two week Christmas break)*.
 - Portland underperforms while spending more per student than comparable school districts in the NW.
- Sources: Willamette Week 11-13-13, KATU-2 3-15-14, & 6-3-14. National Council on Teacher Quality Report 2013.

\$15,000-a-month consultant?

The same school district is paying a labor consultant \$15,000 a month to help with labor negotiations. Yet labor costs are through the roof as teachers health premiums cost taxpayers \$1,213 a month per teacher. Even their school custodians, librarians & guidance counselors make between \$75,000 and \$95,000. KATU-2 TV 1-21-14

Speaking of insane payouts... unions pay people to not work.

Nearly a million dollars have been paid to Vancouver & Portland union members for not working during a longshoreman strike. When unions pay their members to strike (not work) it creates no incentive to bargain & get back to work. In this case, unions are unconcerned about a large shipping company on the verge of leaving due to the strike which will damage the business, local jobs connected to the port and union jobs themselves.

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Our state’s worst job rating is destroying the American dream for an entire generation of people.

Government cannot hand out 28% raises to itself while people are starving and desperate for a job.

Top unemployment

10. Illinois
9. Oregon
8. Georgia
7. Illinois
6. Michigan
5. California
4. Kentucky
3. Mississippi
2. Nevada
1. Rhode Island



Bureau of Labor Statistics July 2014. DC not included.

Taxpayer Association on TV news protecting you



\$200,000 of Oregon stimulus tax dollars went to dance studios, art galleries & film festivals instead of road projects

Jason Williams, Taxpayer Association
KATU-2 TV 6-2-14



The city went over-budget on 75% of their contracts and wasted \$70 million of your tax dollars

Eric Fruits, Taxpayer Association Oregon
KOIN 6 TV 5-8-14