



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Building and Construction Trades Endorse Westlund for State Treasurer Infrastructure Investment a Top Priority

SALEM, Ore. (July 23, 2008) - Oregon Senator and Democratic nominee for State Treasurer Ben Westlund (D-Bend) has received the support of the Oregon State Building and Construction Trades Council. The Council is comprised of 31 separate organizations representing 30,000 Oregonians.

"Ben Westlund is the best choice for State Treasurer," said Bob Shiprack of the Council. "As a legislator, he offered common-sense solutions to some of our biggest challenges. As State Treasurer, he will champion investment in our infrastructure to build our economy and create jobs."

Westlund has said that the State Treasurer can do more to improve Oregon's infrastructure.

"As a Senator, I supported legislation to retrofit public buildings to save energy and money and to invest in our transportation network to improve traffic flow and help our economy," said Westlund. "As State Treasurer, I will champion infrastructure projects that increase our productivity and make smart use of our resources including environmentally sound water-supply and conservation, transportation, and energy transmission and conservation efforts."

In addition to building and construction trades, Westlund has been endorsed by over twenty organizations representing hundreds of thousands of Oregonians including: Oregon Nurses Association, Oregon State Fire Fighters Association, Oregon Education Association, SEIU Local 503, Oregon AFL-CIO, AFSCME, American Federation of Teachers, IBEW, the Pacific NW Regional Council of Carpenters, and Association of Oregon Corrections Employees. Endorsements from other organizations and community leaders are listed on Westlund's website at www.benwestlund.com.

Ben has served Central Oregon as a legislator for the past ten years. Before that he was a successful business owner and entrepreneur. He currently consults for Northwest Professional Management to develop effective, affordable health care delivery systems. He and his wife Libby, who serves on the Mount Bachelor National Ski Patrol, have two children: a son B.J. (20) and a daughter Taylor (15). They live in Tumalo, just outside Bend.

