

WASHINGTON – Today, Rep. Earl Blumenauer, a senior member of the House Ways & Means and Budget Committees, voted against the "Workforce Democracy and Fairness Act" that would make it more difficult for unions to hold elections and organize:

"I am disappointed by the House passage of H.R. 3094, the so-called "Workforce Democracy and Fairness Act." This legislation is anti-democratic, anti-union, and anti-middle class.

"While I am thankful that the Senate has enough sense to ensure that this legislation will not be enacted, if that were not the case, H.R. 3094 would allow companies to indefinitely delay workers elections, allowing companies to choose when and how workers will vote to form a union. The legislation encourages wasteful litigation and overrides the current National Labor Relations Board decision-making process, replacing it with one that will be more expensive and difficult to navigate, that will take longer to finalize, and that fails to protect the rights of workers.

"House passage of H.R. 3094 once again demonstrates that the Republican majority is failing to support American workers and American families. I am proud to have voted against this legislation and in support of Oregon's workers and families."