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The Aerospace Machinists Union District 751 Endorse State Representative Tarra Simmons

Their first endorsement for a state legislative candidate in 2026

Bremerton, WA – State Representative Tarra Simmons and her supporters celebrated the sole endorsement of her 2026 reelection campaign by the **Aerospace Machinists Union District 751**. This endorsement is one of the first major labor organizations to weigh in on the race – and the first endorsement for IAM District 751 in any state legislative race for 2026. The union's action is a decisive validation of Representative Simmons' consistent efforts to fight for affordability, community safety, and progressive reforms.

“I am incredibly grateful to have earned the sole endorsement of the Aerospace Machinists Union District 751, a powerful voice for workers across the Pacific Northwest since 1935. The legacy of IAM District 751 fighting for fair wages, job security, and workplace safety is exactly what I'm committed to carrying forward in Olympia. As a legislator for six sessions now, I am proud of my voting record on labor issues. I look forward to working alongside IAM 751 to continue serving the people in our community.”

“We are proud to endorse Representative Tarra Simmons for her reelection campaign. She has been a dedicated labor champion. From fighting for working people, to lowering costs and standing up to the wealthy elite, Rep. Simmons has our backs and we have hers.” Donny Donovan, Legislative & Political Director at IAM District 751.

Rep. Tarra Simmons is the only candidate in the race with labor support.

About Representative Tarra Simmons

Tarra Simmons is a lawyer, a civil rights activist, and a national leader in the fight for criminal justice reform. Raised in Bremerton, she has faced some of the biggest barriers to success and opportunity — from poverty, to opioid use disorder and incarceration. It was with the help of this community — friends, family, colleagues and neighbors — that she was able to overcome these circumstances and become a tireless advocate for change. She was first elected to the state House of Representatives in November 2020, where she currently serves as Deputy Speaker Pro Tempore, vice chair of the Committee on Community Safety and as a committee member on Health Care & Wellness, as well as Technology, Economic Development & Veterans.

Representative Simmons's collaborative advocacy and constituent service in Olympia has been covered extensively in local and national media. Most recently, *Truthout* reported on her successful efforts to expand housing assistance and restore voting rights for qualifying formerly incarcerated individuals. Locally, outlets from the *Seattle Times* to the *Kitsap Sun* and *PubliCola* have published articles, letters to the editor and guest columns on her work to

block corporate tax breaks during an affordability crisis, reform resentencing procedures and focus limited budget resources to best protect access to food, housing and healthcare.

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