

Major Political Victory: TWU Breaks Through on Tier 6

State Legislature Passes Bill Lifting Overtime Cap Limit on Tier 6 Pension

TWU Local 100-supported legislation to lift the Overtime Cap on the Tier 6 Pension for transit workers **was passed by both the State Assembly and State Senate in a display of TWU political might on Monday June 18th, and Tuesday, June 19th. The legislative session is scheduled to adjourn June 20th. Our next step in the process is obtaining the Governor's signature.**



Local 100 President Tony Utano is committed to the campaign for pension equity for Tier 6 members.

Local 100 President Tony Utano, who has pledged to bring about Tier 6 pension reform, called the Legislature's action **"a major breakthrough for Tier 6 members and an enormous step forward to full pension equity."**

The original Tier 6 bill in 2012 capped benefits calculated on base wages and a maximum of \$15,000 in overtime. The bill just passed by the Legislature lifts that cap completely for transit workers, which will increase the benefit significantly for those who work substantial overtime.

"Local 100 members work overtime, some of it mandatory," Utano said. "This made the overtime cap in the 2012 bill particularly prejudicial against transit workers. This bill goes a long, long way toward fixing Tier 6 for Local 100 members."

This is first time Tier 6 legislation has even gotten out of committee, much less passed by the full State Legislature. And TWU Local 100 remains the only union fighting for Tier 6 fixes.

Utano credited TWU members, who flocked to Albany earlier this year on Local 100 Lobby Day, and the union's political action team for scoring this win.

The Assembly Bill (A07599), was sponsored by Assemblyman Peter Abbate and others. The Senate Bill (S05731A), was sponsored by Sen. Kevin Parker.



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