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**Avakian Reaches Out to Coastal Communities**

*State Labor Commissioner touts BOLI services to employers, employees, job seekers*

**PORTLAND-** Oregon Labor Commissioner Brad Avakian has announced a series of community events along the North-Central Oregon Coast on July 31-August 1. Avakian, the statewide-elected chief of the Bureau of Labor and Industries (BOLI), plans to hear from community members in Seaside, Tillamook, Lincoln City and Newport about the challenges facing employees and employers in coastal communities, while encouraging use of the support services offered by BOLI.

“BOLI offers a range of services to Oregonians that are particularly important during tough economic times,” said Commissioner Avakian. “From defending civil rights to ensuring timely payment of workers’ wages, and from apprenticeship training to technical assistance for employers, BOLI’s work is critical to getting Oregon’s economy back on track.”

With the recent conclusion of the legislative session, newly enacted changes to labor and employment law make the Commissioner’s visits very timely. Intended partly to educate and partly to raise awareness about BOLI’s multi-faceted work on civil rights and labor and employment issues, Commissioner Avakian’s tour includes:

July 31, 2009

- 8:30am Breakfast Q & A with Seaside Chamber of Commerce\* – Seaside
- 11:00am Roundtable Discussion with Tillamook Area Chamber of Commerce\*- Tillamook
- 12:30pm Town Hall Meeting at Tillamook County Library – Tillamook  
Hosted by Tillamook County Democrats
- 3:00pm Town Hall Meeting at Lincoln City Council Chambers – Lincoln City  
Hosted by Lincoln City Chamber of Commerce

August 1, 2009

- 11:00am Address to State Council Meeting of Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays\* – Newport

*\*Indicates event is not a public appearance*

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