



Service Employees International Union, Local 503, OPEU

**Testimony before House Revenue Committee
Regarding HBs 2413, 2539, 3217, and 3447
Arthur Towers, Political Director
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MEASURE: HB 2413
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