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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Testimony in Support of HB 3026
House Committee on Business and Labor
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Chair Doherty and Members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of House Bill 3026, which I am proud to co-sponsor.

As we know, these are difficult times. However, with HB 3026 we have an opportunity to make things a little easier by supporting this needed change.

We know that there are people here in Oregon who take care of their siblings because there is no one else who can. We need to extend the protection of this law to the individuals who have taken on this responsibility. They should not face the prospect of losing their job because they need to take care of a sibling who has fallen ill.

The fact that the current law lists biological, adoptive or foster parents and children, grandparents and grandchildren, and parents-in-law, but not siblings leaves a large gap that should be filled.

Supporting this needed change will help Oregonians and their families.

Thank you for taking the time to consider HB 3026, I hope it will have your support.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Gorsek", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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