

Testimony in Support of HB 3390-2

Dear Chair Garrett and members of the House Committee on Rules,

I am writing today to share my support for HB 3390-2 because I can not attend the hearing in person. Thank you for this opportunity and for taking the time to read my testimony.

I am a single mother with two young children, one of whom has a serious health condition. My daughter has severe asthma, and a cold can keep her home from school for a week. While I am one of the lucky few that has paid sick days, I understand the dilemma so many parents face when sickness in their family means having to weigh the loss of pay against their families' urgent needs. And when people can't take the 2 or 3 days necessary to properly rest and heal from an illness, then they are less productive at work as well as being likely to spread a cold or flu to their coworkers and customers.

I am very much in favor of paid sick leave legislation and I am glad that the proposed policy allows people to use the sick leave to care for their children. Passing paid sick leave legislation is a must both for workers and for society as a whole. Supporting this legislation means that we are more concerned with people than with productivity, with the quality of a life rather than the quantity of hours worked. It is time for such an ideological shift across the U.S. and I will be very proud to see Oregon lead the way!

Thank you.

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