



**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

Testimony before House Committee on Business and Labor

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In Support of HB 2909

Madame Chair Doherty and members of the committee, thank you for hearing House Bill 2909 today.

HB 2909 would change the name of the “Center for Research on Occupational and Environmental Toxicology (CROET)” at OHSU to the “Oregon Institute of Occupational Health Sciences.” OHSU is located within my district, and I am pleased to introduce this legislation.

Currently, research at Oregon Health and Science University is identifying life-saving treatment of disease and is conducting innovative work that improves lives.

This research also fuels our economy, by providing good paying jobs filled by smart and successful people.

So it is a particular win-win, that OHSU is implementing a strategic plan to expand its research and outreach to help working Oregonians and their families by focusing on prevention.

The current name of the institute—Center for Research on Occupational and Environmental Toxicology—is too narrow to represent the expanded work they are taking on. And because they are named in six different references in statute, changing their name requires legislation.