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SEIU Supports a Yes Vote on HB 2216B

It is vitally important to re-authorize the nursing home provider tax in order to fund long term care for seniors and people with disabilities. The nursing home provider tax allows Oregon to leverage nearly \$200 million in additional federal funds. The nursing home industry has been willing partners in working with the state to maximize general fund and provider contributions, supporting a reauthorization of the nursing home provider tax at the federal maximum rate of 5.5%. Do to the nursing home provider tax Oregon's general fund pays only about 20 cents of every nursing home dollar.

SEIU believes that the nursing home provider tax is a common sense solution to funding vital services in a way that can be beneficial to all. Although Oregon has the lowest nursing facility utilization in the country, it is so important the for those who need nursing facility care, it must be of the highest quality possible. HB 2216 will allow Oregon to maintain access to high quality nursing facility care and save millions general fund dollars. The reauthorization of the nursing home provider tax is an example of business and labor as well as the state coming together to find solutions to Oregon's difficult funding problems and preserving services to Oregon's most vulnerable.

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