



**SEIU Local 503 Supports SB 622**  
**Senate Judiciary**  
**March 2, 2015**

SEIU Local 503 represents over 55,000 workers in Oregon, including 20,000 homecare workers; 9000 of which are Personal Support Workers. We are here in support of SB 622.

When we reached out to some members on this bill, we actually found that most members were told they are mandatory reporters during orientation and given a card to tell them what it means to be a mandatory reporter.

We do want to raise a couple of things that have been raised by our members in discussion of this bill.

1. Homecare workers who care for seniors and people with disabilities and are also trained by the Oregon Homecare Commission are currently not mandatory reporters.
2. We do think we need to continue to focus on training for mandatory reporters to make sure they know their responsibilities.
3. Personal support workers and homecare workers work in people's homes and can sometimes be the only person that is in contact with a family. Some members have raised that there could be safety concerns for the worker if they report and they are the only person outside of a family who could interact with the household.

Thank you for consideration on these topics as you work on this bill.

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