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Chair Shemia Fagan
House Consumer Protection and
Government Effectiveness
900 Court St. - State Capitol
Salem, OR 97301

Chair Fagan and members of the Committee:

My name is Stacy Cowan with the Service Employees International Union, Local 503 and I am here today to testify in support of HB 2375.

SEIU Local 503 represents 55,000 Oregonians doing more than 500 different jobs in 85 state, local government and non-profit agencies and care facilities.

The services we provide include helping deaf people get access to education, testing new drivers, collecting revenue, securing contracts and purchase orders, helping veterans, assisting at-risk youth, repairing bridges, maintaining Oregon's parks and caring for children, seniors, and people with disabilities — just to name a few.

HB 2375 will ensure that we are working smarter and being as effective and cost-efficient as possible with tax payer dollars.

The more we can standardize the procurement process, the easier it will be to evaluate successes and failures. This is an essential part of the procurement process. This bill is a step in the right direction.

Front line workers are particularly excited about the training component of this legislation. Many folks only do contract administration as a part of their daily work. Folks are eager for the additional training and support this legislation offers.

Thank you for your time. Please support HB 2375.

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