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Chair Beyer  
Senate Business and Transportation  
900 Court St. - State Capitol  
Salem, OR 97301

Chair Beyer 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 SB 515.

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.

SEIU has advocated for increased transparency on state expenditures for several sessions. We believe as a state, we can and should be doing more to improve the public's access to how government spends tax dollars. SB 515 is another step in the right direction.

Thank you for your time.

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