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SEIU Local 49 & SEIU Local 503 Support SB 284

Chair Greenlick and Members of the House Committee on Health Care:

Service Employees International Union, Local 49 & Local 503 together represent over 60,000 workers in Oregon. Of those, 6,000 health care workers are employed in hospitals and clinics and 2,500 work in nursing homes.

SEIU is the largest representative of Certified Nursing Assistants in the state of Oregon including Certified Nursing Assistance and Certified Nursing Assistance II as defined by the Oregon State Board of Nursing.

SEIU supports SB 284 because we believe it's important to have clarity about what the specific roles of health care workers are in providing direct patient care services. The CNA scope of practices includes many direct health care tasks that should only be provided by people who are properly trained for patient safety. We believe that SB 284 helps to provide clarity on that training and the ability to provide patient care.