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Chair Diane Rosenbaum
Senate Committee on Rules
900 Court St. - State Capitol
Salem, OR 97301

Chair Rosenbaum and members of the Committee:

My name is Stacy Cowan with the Service Employees International Union, Local 503 and I am writing to provide testimony on HB 2255. We are neutral on the bill.

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.

Over the last several years, we have heard from workers that state agencies have made great strides to prioritize frontline workers over excessive layers of management. However we also heard from workers that the intended goals of the staffing ratio legislation has not been fully realized in some agencies.

HB 2255 will allow workers to have a voice in setting the parameters for the next phase in the staffing ratio legislation without losing any of the gains that have been achieved.

Thank you.

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