



Northwest Automatic Vending Association

A Regional Council of National Automatic Merchandising Association

80 S. Lake Avenue
Suite 538
Pasadena, CA 91101
Phone (626) 229-0900
Fax (626) 229-0777
www.nwvending.org

April 4, 2017

House Committee-Human Services and Housing
In Consideration of: HB 3253
Testimony Provided By: Mike Levi, President NAVA

Dear Chairperson Alissa Keny-Guyer, and Committee Members,

My name is Mike Levi, I am the President of the Northwest Automatic Vending Association and I am providing testimony in support of HB 3253. The Northwest Automatic Vending Association (NAVA) is an affiliated state council of the National Automatic Merchandise Association (NAMA), representing hundreds of large and small businesses that provide vending, coffee and refreshment services to thousands of customers in Washington, Oregon and Alaska each day and employing hundreds of workers in the Northwest.

Members of the NAVA represent a full range of on-site food and refreshment service companies in Washington, Oregon and Alaska including vending operators, suppliers, brokers and distributors and includes blind vendors in the state of Oregon as well as other vending operators who work with the blind vendors throughout the state.

In keeping with the Randolph Shepherd Act, blind vendors throughout the country work with subcontractors to assist them in servicing their accounts. This is particularly true in remote areas of Oregon and other states where blind vendors require assistance in servicing state and federal facilities in these locations. These subcontracting arrangements allow for the highest level of management by licensed blind vendors while maximizing profitability. HB 3253 aligns the program in Oregon with the Federal Act and provides the best industry practices, services and support to the end user.

NAVA believes that HB 3253 will give the Blind Enterprise Program of Oregon the tools and direction needed to create employment opportunities for persons who are blind in Oregon and will help the State administer this program more effectively and efficiently and ensure that the mission/purpose and intent of the Federal and State Program are embraced.

We appreciate your consideration of this legislation and request your support of HB 3253.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike Levi".

Mike Levi
NAVA President