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Chair Kathleen Taylor Senate Committee on Workforce 900 Court St. - State Capitol Salem, OR 97301

Chair Taylor and members of the committee:

I would like to provide testimony in support of HB 2263. This bill is largely a housekeeping measure in nature and is designed to align practice to the ORS.

HB 2263 increases the maximum arbitration fee that can be charged for mediating a labor dispute or controversy between a local public employer and a labor organization by \$125 for the third session and decreases the maximum fee by \$125 for the fourth session. This bill also changes the description of the training provided by the Board from "interest-based problem solving" to "labor relations and negotiation."

The purpose for these changes are to flatten the fee structure between the third and fourth sessions and to more accurately describe the type of training options offered by the agency.

Thank you for your consideration. I hope you will support HB 2263.

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