



**SEIU Local 503 Support SB 28
Senate Finance and Revenue Committee
May 10, 2017**

To: Chair Hass and Members of the Senate Finance and Revenue Committee

Fr: Jen Hernandez, SEIU Local 503

Re: SB 28 – Support

Chair Hass, Vice-Chair Boquist and members of the committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony today in support of SB 28. SEIU Local 503 represents 65,000 workers statewide. Our work force provides critical services across the state, which includes ODOT workers who keep our roads safe, nursing home workers and homecare workers who care for seniors in our communities, child welfare workers who protect vulnerable children, and many more. **Since more of our workers provide public services, we are very involved in the conversation around revenue.**

SB 28 is a step in the right directions towards making all corporations that do business in Oregon to contribute their share in taxes. We think switching to a market-based sourcing will make our system better by being able to tax out-of-state firms that may currently do not pay Oregon taxes.

But we need to do more.

After decades of deep budget cuts to schools, child welfare, care for seniors and other critical services, we need a tax system that will hold corporations accountable towards contributing their fair share to our communities and will create game changing revenue for Oregon families.

The proposal on a Gross Receipts Tax brought forward last week by Chair Hass and members of the Joint Committee on Tax Reform is the kind of solution to our tax structure that our schools and families *need*.

Oregon can't afford to wait any longer to make these investments.

It is bills like this that highlight that our current system is not working, and we hope that the Legislature will act on the larger conversation about our tax system and funding for schools. If that does not happen, we think this is an important fix to the corporate minimum tax.

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