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Joint Subcommittee on General Government
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Salem, OR 97301

Co-Chair Manning, Co-Chair Smith, and members of the Committee:

I would like to provide testimony in support of HB 2262 and HB 2263. Both bills are considered housekeeping measures in nature and are simply designed to align practice to the ORS.

Some examples of the items in HB 2262 are that it adds management service and unclassified service as types of agency employees and changes the title of "executive secretary" to "executive manager" and reflects that the position is in the unclassified service, rather than the classified service.

Pervious language only referenced classified employees; however the agency also employs management service and unclassified employees.

This bill also deletes language stating that the Board's executive secretary shall, at least every six months, estimate the state assessment amount and invoice each division for that amount. This is necessary since the state assessment has not been calculated that way for 20 years.

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 2262 and HB 2263.

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