



**Pineros y Campesinos Unidos del Noroeste**  
*Northwest Treeplanters and Farmerworkers United*

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**Testimony of Ramon Ramirez, President of Piñeros y Campesinos del Noroeste, PCUN in favor of HB 3279, Licensing of Building Services Contractors.**

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Dear Co-Chairs and members of the Committee.

On behalf of the 6,543 members of PCUN, I express our full support for HB 3279, the Licensing of Building Services Contractors

PCUN is Oregon's Farmworker Union. We work to improve the working and living condition of Oregon's agricultural workers. Even though this bill doesn't cover farmworkers, a similar law exists in Oregon covering Farm labor contractors. That law has been in existence since 1956. PCUN has worked on improving the farm labor law since 1982.

PCUN believes the times has come to regulate building services contractors. Many of these contractors are now moving from farm labor to building services using in many times the same work force. There exist a lot of abuses as well as sexual harassment. We have documented cases were employees didn't who didn't know who they were working for. When it came time to identify the employer who didn't pay their workers, it was difficult to recover wages, because there were many layers of sub-contractors.

Sexual harassment runs ramped in this industry. Women do a large majority of office cleaning work. We believe that requiring the building services contractors to do a training course on sexual harassment is the minimum they do before the get a license to operate.

We believe that HB 3279 is an important step in the right direction and **strongly recommend its passage.**