



June 20, 2017

To: Chair Williamson, Vice Chairs McLane and Rayfield, Members of the House Rules Committee

Re: House Bill 3458

On behalf of the more than 60,000 members of the Service Employees International Union, I write to offer our support for the negotiated deal between business and labor with regard to overtime in manufacturing settings. We believe that the deal negotiated by the Oregon AFL-CIO, Associated Oregon Industries/Oregon Business Association, and the Northwest Grocers Association is fair to all parties and best reflected in the dash 5 amendments to the base bill.

The Service Employees International Union represents hundreds of workers in industrial laundries throughout the state of Oregon. The majority of laundry workers in our union are immigrant working women who labor everyday in difficult conditions. Laundry workers face extreme heat, dangerous chemicals, physically demanding work that can take a toll on their bodies after a long day of work. In fact, in addition to manufacturing workers, our union represents a number of workers in professions like janitorial and health care that also have long hours and physically demanding tasks.

We believe that the dash 5s will accommodate business and labor concerns while still giving workers the protections that they need in difficult manufacturing settings. We urge your support of this important protection for manufacturing workers.

Sincerely,

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