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**Testimony of D. Michael Dale
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HB 2726 – Health Care for all Kids**

I am the Executive Director of the Northwest Workers' Justice Project. I have been a lawyer since 1975, and have spent most of that time representing migrant and seasonal workers. The Northwest Workers' Justice Project provides legal representation to low wage contingent workers throughout the economy in sectors such as construction, building maintenance, landscaping, hotel and restaurant industry, food processing, agriculture and reforestation.

A key obstacle to the family stability of our clients is obtaining reasonably priced health care for their children. Most have no insurance through their employment. Health care is a basic right, and serves the interests of all Oregonians.

We recommend that this bill be approved with a do pass recommendation.