SEIU 49 Testimony in Support of HB 4213

Good afternoon Chair Kotek, President Courtney and members of the committee. For the record SEIU members are strongly supportive of HB 4213 and the -7 amendments. SEIU is a 75,000 member union across the state of Oregon. Many of our workers have been economically impacted by COVID 19 through a reductions in hours or layoffs of themselves or a spouse. Most SEIU members make less then \$40,000 per year and live pay check to pay check making the impact of these layoff's and cuts to hours even more devastating. At the same time many of them are waiting to receive unemployment checks there food and housing security is deteriorating.

HB 4213 helps to ensure their housing stability during the pandemic. The evection moratorium issued by the Governor, Executive Order 20-13 has stopped immediate evictions for people who rent their homes. This order is about to expire on June 30th and could put thousands of families at risk for eviction. By taking action now the legislature could ensure thousands of families continue to have housing security.

SEIU encourages the committee members and legislators to support HB 4213.

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