



Service Employees International Union – Oregon State Council
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Support for HB 2362

Chair Prusak and Members of the Committee,

For the record, my name is Sunita Patel, and I am a member of SEIU 49. I have worked at Legacy Emanuel hospital as a housekeeper for about 18 years. I have health insurance through my job at Legacy.

I am here to support HB 2362 because the health care costs I pay are higher and higher. The cost of my health insurance has gone up by 60 percent in the last ten years, just this year the cost went up almost 10 percent. On top of that, we had a \$200 deductible added for families this year, from zero, and the out of pocket maximum went up. This is just not sustainable.

The amount I pay for health care has especially increased ever since Legacy bought PacificSource a few years ago. Why get together if it makes things more expensive? We should know more about the impact of these kinds of deals before they happen.

Please support HB 2362