



Service Employees International Union – Oregon State Council

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Chair Holvey, Vice Chairs Elmer and Sosa, and members of the committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in **support of HB 4080, which will establish strong Offshore Wind labor standards and fund a roadmap that will give communities the chance to give input and receive much needed information on the potential impacts of these projects.**

My name is Alberto Gallegos and I am testifying on behalf of the Service Employees International Union (SEIU), Oregon. SEIU Oregon is composed of SEIU Local 503 and SEIU Local 49, which together represent over 87,000 people. Local 49 represents private sector janitors, property service workers, light manufacturing, and healthcare workers; while Local 503 represents homecare workers, private nonprofit workers, in-home childcare providers, nursing home workers, and state and local government employees.

As a labor union, it is of great importance to us that Oregon's energy future is tied with pro-worker policies. If and when Offshore Wind Development comes to Oregon, HB 4080 will put in place strong labor standards—like living wages, benefits and workforce diversification goals—and establish a directive and plan to do a roadmap on offshore wind in order to solicit community input and better understand the potential impacts to Oregon.

These critical elements will ensure the Bureau of Oceanic Energy Management (BOEM) makes informed and comprehensive decisions around floating offshore wind led by a community-driven process. Without this policy, BOEM would not understand the uniqueness of our state or what Oregon values can and should mean in the ongoing development of floating offshore wind.

SEIU Oregon encourages the Committee to support HB 4080.

Thank you,

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