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Good morning Chair Broadman, Vice-chair McLane, and members of the committee,

My name is Odalis Aguilar Aguilar and I am a political coordinator at Oregon AFSCME. Our union represents over 42,000 workers across state agencies like the Department of Corrections and those who work in non-profit behavioral health facilities.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input for the current proposal, SB 1507 with the -5. Before my comments I want to highlight the financial severity H.R.1 has put the State of Oregon in. Like many of my colleagues, we're concerned about the services being cut due to the budget bill passed by congress and recognize the unpredictability we are facing due to the federal government. Instead of having conversations about how we can support Oregon families, we were having conversations about what services will be reduced and cut, which is unacceptable considering the economists have presented about this "K" shaped economy that points to the inequality the low and working class are experiencing. We heard that higher income earners are not living paycheck to paycheck like most Oregonians who you represent. By not completely disconnecting from the federal tax code, we will continue to have this conversation as H.R.1 becomes fully implemented over the next 6 years.

The elected legislative body must be our backstop against an increasingly hostile federal administration that doesn't care about raising prices on everyday people to pay for tax cuts for wealthy corporations and appreciate the opening comments by the chair. I want to be clear about our position on SB1507, while we support and are appreciative of the stakeholders involved in order to craft this policy, we also believe there must be a robust conversation about making sure we're investing dollars back right into the workforce that exists and support communities in Oregon.

I call on you to pass SB 1507 and urge this body to, if necessary; to dip into reserves before having any conversations about eliminating jobs and making cuts to programs that serve people who are already impacted by the pain of HR 1. We support the goal of SB 1507: Closing tax loopholes for the ultra-wealthy to fund healthcare, childcare, schools, public safety, and more.