



Service Employees International Union – Oregon State Council

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Chair Sosa, Vice-Chairs Chaichi and Osborne, and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of HB 4150.

My name is Alberto Gallegos, and I am providing testimony on behalf of SEIU Oregon, which is composed of two locals: Local 503 and Local 49. Together, we represent over 85,000 workers in Oregon and SW Washington who serve as janitors, security officers, maintenance and custodial workers, healthcare and homecare workers, and public employees at agencies such as ODOT, DHS, and BOLI. Our members—many who are immigrants or come from mixed-status families—clean, protect, and maintain your buildings; care for seniors and people with disabilities; and provide critical public services that keep Oregon running.

Immigrant Oregonians have been targeted by violent, lawless ICE sweeps resulting in community-wide fear and devastating family separations. These attacks are not about justice; they are about sowing fear in our workplaces and neighborhoods. They force parents to make desperate contingency plans for their children. This is not a theoretical policy issue; it is a daily reality that destabilizes families, disrupts our workforce, and harms the well-being of entire communities.

When immigrant workers are targeted, all workers suffer. It drives exploitation underground, emboldens employers to violate wage and safety laws, and undermines the rights we have fought for at the bargaining table. No company profiting from Oregon taxpayers should be allowed to simultaneously profit from a brutal immigration enforcement agenda. You cannot claim to serve the public interest while your actions destroy public trust.

Our public funds must reflect our public values: solidarity, family unity, and respect. When a corporation accepts state contracts or subsidies, it must comply with all Oregon laws, including our sanctuary protections. This bill ensures that companies seeking public money are held to a basic standard of humanity.

We urge this committee to pass HB 4150 to ensure that Oregon's public dollars stop subsidizing the very forces that terrorize our communities and tear our families apart.

Thank you,

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