



February 18, 2026

House Committee on Labor and Workforce Development

RE: Support for SB 1518 – Oregon Caregiver Wage Protection Act House Committee on Labor and Workforce Development

Chair Grayber, Vice Chairs Scharf and Muñoz, and members of the committee,

The Campaign for Oregon's Seniors and People with Disabilities writes in support of SB 1518, the Oregon Caregiver Wage Protection Act.

The Campaign for Oregon's Seniors & People with Disabilities (“the Campaign”) is a coalition of organizations including consumers, labor, business and other concerned Oregonians advocating for the independence, dignity, choice and safety of older adults and people with disabilities.

We support this bill because we support this workforce. Nearly 50 years ago, Oregon led the nation in creating a model of care that prioritizes independence, choice, and dignity, allowing people to receive services in their homes and communities. That system depends on a stable, supported care workforce.

Oregon's population is aging rapidly, and the demand for home care workers will only continue to grow. If we want to meet that demand and ensure that older adults and people with disabilities can age in place, we must value the workers who make that possible.

SB 1518 ensures that homecare and domestic workers in Oregon will continue to receive minimum wage and overtime protections, regardless of changes to federal rules.

We urge your support.

Sincerely,

The Campaign for Seniors and People with Disabilities