



Good afternoon Chair Jama, Vice-chair Starr, and members of the committee,

For the record my name is Odalis Aguilar Aguilar and I am a political coordinator with Oregon AFSCME. Our union represents over 42,000 workers across the state of which over 10,000 workers work at the Oregon Health and Science University. The workers who work in patient care, administration, food services, facilities, research, academic support are the individuals who carry out the hospital's mission and strive for excellence in education, research and scholarship, clinical practice, and community service.

I will be short and just note for the record that we appreciate the collaboration from the OHSU team to ensure workers who will fall under this new self-governed non-profit have access to labor protections and PECBA. OHSU is globally known for its renowned contributions to science and has the highest standards for patient care and outcomes.

The proposed statute in the base bill was silent regarding the entities' status as public employers for purposes of PECBA, the -1 amendment ensures that any nonprofit created or maintained by OHSU is considered to be a "public employer" for the purposes of the Public Employees Collective Bargaining Act.

We look forward to working together to ensure we continue to meet the hospitals mission and delivering the best of care for Oregonians and beyond.