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**Joint Committee On Ways and Means Subcommittee On
General Government
Oregon State Legislature**

Re: SB 5509: Statement of Support

Dear Senators and Representatives:

This letter is submitted on behalf of the Oregon Public Employer Labor Relations Association (ORPELRA) in support of SB 5509, the budget bill for the Employment Relations Board (Board).

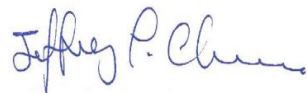
ORPELRA is a non-profit association of Oregon's public-sector labor relations and human resources professionals. ORPELRA members work in all areas of the public sector throughout Oregon representing management at the bargaining table with public unions. ORPELRA is an affiliate of the National Public Employer Labor Relations Association.

As management-side representatives, ORPELRA members are keenly aware of the importance of a well-funded and fully functioning Board. The Board provides invaluable services to the state and local government agencies where ORPELRA members work, in mediating disputes with unions, overseeing representation matters, and resolving unfair labor practice complaints. Moreover, the Board in recent years has continued to demonstrate that it is a capable steward of public funds entrusted to it. Among its notable accomplishments, the Board is continuing to improve and streamline its online presence and has improved and shortened its hearing process and timelines.

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For these reasons, ORPELRA asks that this committee support SB 5509.
Thank you for considering this statement.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jeffrey P. Chicoine". The signature is written in a cursive style.

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cc: Mr. Adam Rhynard
Chair, Employment Relations Board