

To: Chair Keny-Guyer, members of the House committee on Human Services and Housing Re: SEIU support for HB 2508

SEIU represents over 80,000 working-class Oregonians across the state. As a union, we strive to form a more just society for all, for our members, their families and their communities; and we believe that by doing so we can create a higher standard of living for all people.

Refugees are a critical part of building and enriching our communities throughout the state. That is why SEIU supports HB 2508.

After fleeing unjust turmoil or persecution in their home countries, it is our duty as Oregonians to help ensure refugees have access to the resources they need to set themselves up for success. That is what it means to be a just society, and that is what SEIU believes it means to be Oregonian.

We support HB 2508 and encourage you to do so as well.

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