

Chair Riley and Members of the Committee:

My name is Don McElroy.

I am writing to offer support for SB 588 because I have personally been exposed to workers who, falling into the loophole in the current law do not have paid time off, and as a result have come to work even when they have a contagious illness. SB 588 provides a common-sense solution for helping to ensure that these workers are no longer excluded from being able to access basic earned sick leave standards and employment protections that currently apply to most all sectors today. That is why we cannot wait any longer to close this loophole in the current Paid Sick Leave law to ensure that union members hired through hiring halls are able to stay home when they are sick or care for their loved ones when needed.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of Senate Bill 588.