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OTLA Testimony in Support of HB 2818
House Committee on Business and Labor
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Chair Holvey and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments in support of HB 2818. OTLA members represent workers who are unfairly denied wages they have rightfully earned. HB 2818 provides a remedy for those who have been impacted to recover unpaid wages by giving Bureau of Labor and Industries the ability to pay these workers for their losses through the Wage Security Fund.

HB 2818 would be a tremendous help to workers who are unable to collect from employers who claim financial hardships, disband or rename themselves. This gives BOLI the necessary authority to determine what wages are owed when the employer does not pay.

While we wish there were a way for the workers to recover penalties for lack of payment, HB 2818 provides a good step forward by allowing BOLI to collect, maintain and pay out from the wage security fund.

Oregon workers deserve fair compensation for the work that they do. We ask for your support of HB 2818.