



Service Employees International Union – Oregon State Council
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Dear Chair Patterson and Members of the Committee,

For the record, my name is Katie Shriver, and I represent SEIU Oregon. We represent 85,000 workers in Oregon and Southwest Washington at SEIU 49 and SEIU 503. SEIU supports SB 748.

SEIU is a very diverse union representing many different types of workers, including a wide variety of caregivers who provide services to Aging and People with Disabilities (APD) consumers as well as Developmental Disabilities (DD) consumers. SEIU caregivers include homecare and personal support workers (PSWs), workers at DD facilities, nursing homes, and adult foster home providers, as well as frontline staff at the Department of Human Services. SEIU also represents workers at many State agencies, including all seven public universities.

For many years SEIU has advocated for affordable, quality healthcare for all, as well as support and resources for the thousands of caregivers across our state. Some of SEIU's personal support workers care for their own adult children or siblings with disabilities. Health insurance coverage is often a major concern for families, and the decisions families make about insurance coverage and employment are often complex.

SB 748 will help to address these concerns by strengthening coverage and portability of health insurance offered through private insurance plans, PEBB, and OEBC for any employee who covers their adult children or siblings who have disabilities as dependents on their insurance plan. This will expand access to quality insurance coverage, helping to prevent coverage gaps and changes in coverage. We ask that you support SB 748.