



Service Employees International Union – Oregon State Council

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Chair Grayber, Vice-Chairs Lewis and Tran, and members of the Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of **House Bill 2160**. My name is Alberto Gallegos and I am submitting this testimony on behalf of the Service Employees International Union (SEIU), Oregon. SEIU Oregon is composed of SEIU Local 503 and SEIU Local 49, which together represent over 87,000 people. Local 49 represents private sector janitors, property service workers, light manufacturing, and healthcare workers; while Local 503 represents homecare workers, private nonprofit workers, in-home childcare providers, nursing home workers, and state and local government employees.

We are in support of the proposed changes to ensure consumer protection so that funds can continue to belong to the owner indefinitely, and to have a centralized place to search for and claim assets so that more abandoned property can be properly identified and returned to their rightful owners.

It's important that Oregonians, such as our members, can easily and clearly search for and access their abandoned property. For that reason, SEIU Oregon urges the Committee to support HB 2160.

Thank you,

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