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Testimony in support of HB 2457

My name is Lelania Stewart, I am an Assistant manager at Central Oregon Collective, I love working with the people who need us and would be grateful for this bill being passed and possibly bringing in more employees. With the cost of living growing, it's important to be paying staff enough.

I am writing in support of HB 2457. This bill would ensure that our staff would make 150% of minimum wage, as well as covers the increase cost from the Paid Leave Oregon Payroll Expense.

Last session you provided funding for the rate model. Thank you so much for that investment as it kept our doors open. This bill allows us to pay staff competitive wages now and is ongoing in our counties toughest staffing crisis to date.

Please vote yes on HB 2457. Staff and the people we support are counting on your support!