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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Labor and Business

Measure: SB853

Dear Chair Taylor, Vice-Chair Knopp, and Senators Hansell, Jama, and Lieber,

I write in support of SB 853 as proposed by Senator Knopp and endorsed by your Senate colleagues on both sides of the aisle.

State workers who chose to move to locales far from Oregon during the pandemic because they could work virtually bear the responsibilities for these personal decisions. Their choices should not be a burden to taxpayers, period.

From a young age I learned that most decisions carry risks. Follow my cousin when he climbed to the top of the barn and jumped off? Yes, I did that, fully aware of the risks. Saturday night parties in college? Yes, I knew the risks. Marriage? Another risk. Moving to Oregon in my 20's? Yes, knowing there wasn't money for a return trip if we didn't get jobs. We make decisions throughout our lives that may or may not work out.

I like to think that Oregon workers who chose to move from Oregon are wise beings who understood the risks they were taking. SB 853 is fair policy. Please continue to support it.

Thank you for your service to Oregon.

Sincerely,

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