



A STRONG VOICE

FOR OREGON'S WORKERS

TO: Chair Grayber
Vice Chair Elmer
Members of the Labor and Workplace Standards committee
FR: Tan Perkins, Oregon AFL-CIO
RE: Hb 2125, Support

Chair Grayber, Vice Chair Elmer and members of the committee, for the record my name is Tan Perkins and I am with Oregon AFL-CIO, we represent over 300,000 workers and their families. We try to be a voice for all workers in the legislative process.

I am writing in support of HB 2125. We know that many workers are more impacted by severe weather than others, and are faced with harsh conditions while still being expected to show up to work. We believe that all workers have the right to safe, and reasonable working conditions and should not be left without pay.

Our state has been faced with more and more severe weather situations and workers should not have to sacrifice their well-being due to something completely out of their control. Workers who would be offered to take off work due to severe weather are often the ones who can't miss a paycheck, putting them in an impossible situation.

Offering these workers unemployment benefits during these unique circumstances would ensure that they don't fall behind on bills, childcare, and groceries. We should always strive to help workers make ends meet during times of uncertainty.

We strongly encourage you to support HB 2125.