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To: Joint Committee on Information Management and Technology

From: Mike Powers, SEIU Local 503

RE: Support for HB 3592

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Co-chair Nathanson and Members of the Committee:

My name is Mike Powers, and I represent SEIU Local 503, our labor union advocating for public sector and care provider workers across every county in Oregon. I am writing today in support of HB 3592.

HB 3592 proposes the creation of the Oregon Commission on Artificial Intelligence, tasked with monitoring AI technologies and systems within the state, assessing long-term policy implications, and shaping thoughtful, proactive policy. This builds on recent legislative and executive branch efforts such as HB 4153 (2024), and the Governor's Artificial Intelligence Council.

AI brings both significant opportunities and serious risks to our workforce. Our members are calling for a balanced, forward-thinking approach – one that embraces innovation while protecting workers. Oregon must act now to address how AI will reshape jobs and ensure that technology enhances work rather than displaces it. Where displacement occurs, workers must have access to the training and resources needed to thrive in a changing economy.

As AI adoption expands across Oregon's public agencies to improve services and decision-making, establishing this Commission will allow the state to guide AI's development intentionally – before challenges arise. Effective governance, ethical oversight, and cross-agency coordination are essential to ensure AI serves the public interest.

We commend the important work of the Joint Task Force on Artificial Intelligence and the Governor's Artificial Intelligence Council and believe HB 3592 will continue that momentum. For further details and broader labor perspectives, please see the testimony submitted by our labor colleagues.

On behalf of our union, we urge your support for HB 3592.

Thank you for your time and consideration.