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To: Senate Committee on Energy and Environment

From: Mike Powers, SEIU Local 503

RE: Support for HB 2567 A

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Chair Sollman, Vice-Chair Brock Smith, Members of the Committee:

My name is Mike Powers with our Union, SEIU Local 503, and I am writing in support of HB 2567 A. This important legislation strengthens Oregon's Heat Pump Deployment Programs and extends the Rental Program, helping ensure more Oregonians – especially those in low-income and underserved communities – have access to efficient, affordable heating and cooling solutions.

SEIU Local 503 represents over 70,000 workers across Oregon, many of whom face ongoing challenges related to housing affordability and staying safe during extreme weather. Our members have made it clear that addressing housing costs and combating climate change are top priorities.

Heat pumps offer an incredibly efficient solution to home temperature regulation—operating 3 to 6 times more efficiently than traditional gas or electric systems. They lower energy bills, reduce the cost of new construction, and eliminate the need for costly gas infrastructure. As Oregon faces more frequent and intense heat waves due to climate change, affordable and reliable cooling has become not just a comfort – but a necessity.

These heat pump programs have already demonstrated success by prioritizing access for low-income Oregonians and those without dependable heating or cooling. HB 2567 A builds on that success by enhancing personal data protections, extending the rental program through January 2, 2032, and adding key accountability measures like audits, reporting, and improved data security. Additional incentives are made available for rural communities, an important feature for our represented workers.

For all these reasons, our Union strongly supports HB 2567 A and urges your “aye” vote.

Thank you for your consideration.