



Service Employees
International Union
Local 503,
Oregon Public
Employees Union

Employee Representation

Resolution 1

2022 Committee Recommendations:

Do Pass

Pass as Amended

Do Not Pass

Organizing and Increasing Standards in Community-Based Care

1 **Subject:** Organizing and Increasing Standards in Community-Based Care

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8 **WHEREAS**, the successful passage of Senate Bill 1556 in the 2022 Oregon legislative session, SEIU Local
9 503 has an opportunity to reach community-based care workers in assisted living and memory care
10 facilities as well as private agency homecare through the registry created by the bill

11 **WHEREAS**, the wages, working conditions, and care qualities in both facility-based and agency home
12 care pale in comparison to the standards 503 members have set in skilled nursing and the CEP home
13 care programs

14 **WHEREAS**, senate bill 1556 provides a set of training and credential standards for the community-based
15 care and in-home agency work force

16 **WHEREAS**, utilizing Senate Bill 1556, Local 503 can reach workers in these sectors and organize to
17 improve standards, recruit, and retain the work force

18 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Union shall commit to prioritizing the utilization of SB 1556,
19 passed in the 2022 Legislative Session, to organize and increase the standards in the community-based
20 care industry and to provide training in an equitable manner that does not create barriers to
21 certification or licensure so that all care providers are certified and/or licensed.