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## **Domestic Workers to Get Basic Workplace Protections**

*SB 552 will extend basic rights to workers in an often unregulated industry*

SALEM – The Oregon House approved legislation that establishes workplace protections for certain domestic workers and classifies violations as unlawful employment practices. The protections for domestic workers in [Senate Bill 552](#) include overtime pay, periods of rest, paid vacation time, and freedom from harassment.

“Domestic workers were unfairly left out of the basic labor laws that were enacted almost 80 years ago,” said Rep. Rob Nosse (D-Portland), carrier of the bill. “Senate Bill 552 will help to address this historical wrong by giving domestic workers some of the basic rights given to other workers in our country.”

Domestic workers provide in-home services such as childcare, cooking, housekeeping, and maintenance. Many domestic workers live in the home of the employer, often as the only employee. Under current Oregon law, these workers are excluded from many provisions of wage and hour laws as well as laws protecting them from sexual harassment and discrimination.

The bill will now go to Governor Brown’s desk for signature.

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