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FILE NO. 1757

Petition
OF

N. W. Joint Council,
Eldg. Service Emp. Int'l
Union

For endorsement of bill to stop
discrimination in wages of
women.

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Dec. 21, 1942.

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ACTION OF THE COUNCIL

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE

Mr. President:

...ur _____ JUDICIARY _____ Committee

to which was referred the within _____ Petition _____

would respectfully report that we have considered the same and respectfully recommend that _____

the same be placed on file.

Frank McLaughlin

 CHAIRMAN

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Northwest Joint Council
Building Service Employees International Union

1905 1/2 THIRD AVENUE
MAin 1371



SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

December 17, 1942

City Council
County City Building
Seattle, Washington

Gentlemen:

I am writing this letter in behalf of the sponsors of the enclosed petition, which is to be re-written in the form of a Bill for consideration by the 1943 session of the Washington State Legislature.

Some time ago the Board of King County Commissioners, by unanimous vote, endorsed the enclosed measure. The sponsoring committee believes that the City Council of Seattle will also give favorable consideration, since it is the established policy of the City to pay its own employees on the basis of merit, without discrimination because of sex.

The sponsoring committee now has a formidable list of organizations which have endorsed the measure, which to date are mostly labor organizations. It seems clear, however, that this proposed bill will enjoy tremendous support throughout the state.

It should be of interest to the City Council to note the major labor groups which have endorsed this measure: Central Labor Council of Seattle and Vicinity (AFOFL), Industrial Labor Union Council of Seattle (CIO), Metal Trades Council, Washington Federation of Butchers, District Council of Carpenters, Building Trades Council, Allied Printing Trades Council and many other large labor organizations. Such powerful Local Unions as the Boilermakers Local 104, Aeronautical Industrial District Lodge No. 751, Retail Food and Drug Clerks, and Lumber and Sawmill Workers No. 2519, are typical of the wide support accorded.

Please be assured of our deep appreciation for your attention and favorable consideration.

Very truly yours,

NORTHWEST JOINT COUNCIL, B.S.E.I.U.

MERWIN L. COLE,
Secretary

MLC:cb

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Petition To Stop Discrimination In the Wages of Women



Requesting adoption of an order by the **INDUSTRIAL WELFARE COMMISSION** of the State of Washington prohibiting any discrimination by any employer in payment of wages, because of the sex of the employee.

We, the undersigned, do hereby petition the **INDUSTRIAL WELFARE COMMISSION** of the State of Washington to promulgate, issue and publish an order pursuant to authority vested in it by Section 7624 $\frac{1}{2}$ Remington's Compiled Statutes (Chapter 174, Session Laws of the State of Washington for 1913) to the effect that no employers of labor in this state, employing both males and females, shall discriminate in any way in the payment of wages as between sexes, or shall pay any female a less wage, be it time or piece work or salary, than is being paid to males similarly employed, or in any employment formerly performed by males; Provided, that in any suit or action in which recovery is had for the violation of this order the Court shall award a reasonable sum as attorney fees in addition to the amount recovered. Providea further, that no female shall be given any task disproportionate to her strength, nor shall she be employed in any place detrimental to her morals or health.

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Return signed petitions to: Northwest Joint Council, 1905 $\frac{1}{2}$ Third Avenue, Seattle.
Merwin L. Cole, Secretary