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Honorable Todd Porter, Chair

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TESTIMONY

Mr. Chair and members of the committee, I'm Konrad Crockford, Director of Compliance, here to testify on behalf of the Public Service Commission (Commission).

Weighing or measuring devices are required to be certified annually. The companies that certify devices are known as registered service companies. The individuals that test and certify the devices are known as registered service persons. Registered service persons who possess the necessary equipment, the knowledge to test the accuracy of the weighing and measuring devices and are employed by a registered service company are granted a permit and annually pay a permit fee.

Over the past few years, the Commission received several questions regarding who is required to pay for the individual's registered service person permit fee — the registered service company or the registered service person. The existing language expresses that payment for the registered service person is borne by the company that employs them. This bill clarifies that the registered service person is responsible for paying the permit fee. This distinction is

necessary because the registered service person permit is issued to the individual and is his or hers to keep even if employment changes.

This does not preclude a registered service company from arranging payment or reimbursing the registered service person for the fee. However, it does prevent a registered service company from paying for an annual individual permit for a person who changes employment.

This concludes my testimony. Thank you for your time and I am available for questions.