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**Domestic Workers Rally as Assembly Labor Committee  
Votes on Permanent Overtime Protections**

*Hundreds Including Workers and their Families Urge Passing of SB1015*

**PHOTOS & LIVE TWEETING of today's hearing available at #DignityRising and @Cadomesticwrker -- HQ Pictures available upon request.**

SACRAMENTO -- Domestic workers and employers statewide converged in the Capitol to show support for SB 1015 - the bill is sponsored by the California Domestic Workers Coalition and authored by Senator Connie M. Leyva (D-Chino). This bill will build on the success from AB 241 - which was signed by Governor Brown in 2013 and granted overtime protections to California's privately hired domestic workers - by removing the 2017 sunset provision and making the law's provisions permanent. The bill passed through the Assembly Committee on Labor and Employment today with a vote of 5-2.

Author of the bill, Senator Connie M. Leyva (D-Chino), stated "I thank the California Domestic Workers Coalition for its strong and unwavering commitment to passing SB 1015. From Day One, they have worked alongside me and a diverse statewide coalition of supporters that are working tirelessly to protect the overtime protections granted in 2013 to domestic workers in California. As SB 1015 now proceeds through the Assembly, I look forward to continuing to highlight the vital work that domestic workers perform every day in homes and communities across the state."

Domestic Workers all over California are celebrating today's victory. "I am very pleased to know that SB 1015 passed at the Assembly's Labor Committee today," stated Emily Uy, a caregiver leader from the Pilipino Workers Center, "We have to continue to push for it to pass the assembly until it reaches Governor Brown's office. This means so much to me because with SB 1015 or the overtime pay becoming permanent, caregivers like me would be earning more for our families. Also, I would have more time for my family because I can work less hours than 24

hours as a live-in worker. Thank you, maraming salamat po for all members of the Labor Committee who supported SB 1015."

Carmen Goley, a domestic worker leader from Instituto de Educacion Popular del Sur California responded to SB 1015 passing out of the Assembly Labor Committee, "I feel good and energized to move forward to advocate that SB 1015 now passes a vote in the full assembly to make sure that domestic workers hard fought right to overtime is protected and made permanent. Domestic work makes other work possible and I feel excited that we are one step closer to labor protection equity for domestic workers who have been excluded and vulnerable for so long".

"It's really a win- win for both domestic workers and their employers," said Sascha Bittner of San Francisco, an employer of multiple domestic workers for her daily living. "The dignity of domestic workers and their families will be forever protected and employers will have a clear sense of what is expected of them when they hire domestic workers. Protecting domestic workers elevates the dignified work they do that inherently elevates the dignity of all our families in California."

The bill is set to be heard next by the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

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The California Domestic Workers Coalition is a statewide coalition consisting of organizations working to advance the dignity and respect for Domestic Workers and their families. The organizations that are a part of our steering committee include: ALMAS of the Graton Day Labor Center, Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights of Los Angeles, Filipino Advocates for Justice, Hand in Hand: The Domestic Employers Network, Instituto de Educacion Popular del Sur California (IDEPSCA), Mujeres Unidas y Activas, Pilipino Workers Center, and The Women's Collective of Dolores Street Community Services. For more information about the Coalition please visit:[www.cadomesticworkers.org](http://www.cadomesticworkers.org)