

I am writing in support of HB 2358 which would allow our state's farmworkers to receive overtime if they work more than 40 hours per week. The bill would end the employers' exploitation of these vulnerable and core workers who are the backbone of Oregon's important agriculture industry. Farmworkers are some of lowest paid people in the country, earning a total income of about \$15,000 to \$17,499 a year. They work long hours at low pay, and also have been risking their health and their lives by continuing to work through a pandemic, the wildfires and, most recently, the devastating ice storm. Without farmworkers our state's agricultural industry would collapse. They deserve adequate compensation for their important work, including overtime pay if they put in more than 40 hours per week. Please pass this bill. Thank you,