

HB 2358 is another nail in the coffin for Oregon to provide food and fiber for people in our state and beyond. Our business can not pass on this expense to the consumer as we are price takers. Our commodity competes with the same product across the nation. The buyer isn't concerned with our cost of production. Adding extra labor to meet the 40 hour work week is not practical for our 2 month busy season. We live in a sparsely populated area where the skills necessary to run the powerful equipment safely is of foremost importance. This bill will not enhance the pay for our employees, but will reduce the hours they work, hence reduce their paycheck.

Adding greater cost to payroll, eliminating diesel fuel, and increased state fees on all areas of business is rapidly serving to reduce food production for a growing population. Is this your intent?

Thank you,