

House Committee On Business and Labor
Chair Holvey and Members of the Committee
Testimony in opposition to HB 2358

Chair Holvey and Committee Members,

My name is Joe Spendolini. Among other things, I serve as the Chairman of the Klamath County Chamber of Commerce Government Affairs Committee. For your consideration I respectfully offer this testimony in opposition to HB 2358.

I understand the reasoning and what the Bill is attempting to achieve, but if passed, the result may actually lower the income of these workers instead of increasing it.

I think it's important to mention that the agricultural industries function on very narrow margins. Any increase in costs could wipe out their ability to pay their bills, remain competitive with producers and growers in other states, and be profitable.

To avoid redundant testimony, the reasons for our objections to the passage of this Bill are clearly laid out in the testimony submitted by the Oregon Farm Bureau.

I respectfully request that you vote no on HB 2358.

Respectfully,

Joe Spendolini
Chairman, Klamath County Chamber of Commerce
Government Affairs Committee