

I farm with my family in Crook County. I have 2 sons that have their own farming operations. HB 2358 is just one of many bills being introduced that have made my family question if it is worth farming in Oregon. The CAT tax has hit us very hard, even though we don't bring in a million dollars a year, as the prices for parts and services have gone up. More people are not wanting to do business in Oregon because of the regulations and taxes on small businesses. You say this bill is to help the little guy the unfortunate that is working in Ag. I tell you this will only hurt farmers, those who love the work they are doing in Ag and the communities that these people live in.

We can not afford added payroll costs and finding more workers has been extremely hard. We will either mechanize and do with less laborers or we will have to shut our businesses down and move to a state that is more friendly to Ag and small businesses. I am afraid this policy hasn't been well vetted and will actually harm those it intends to help. Those who want this bill have not even done an analysis of how much this will cost.

Please oppose HB 2358 this session. This bill will negatively impact not only family farmers and ranchers in Oregon, but also agricultural workers.