

Hello, my name is Scotty Fenters and I am a farmer in the Klamath Basin. I oppose HB 2358. In Oregon we are already operating at higher costs than most other competitor states. I love Oregon but it is getting plain hard to compete in the produce world with our already higher costs. This bill will be one more disadvantage our state will have to offer. This bill will cost jobs. I do not feel that the legislature understands just how expensive Oregon is to farm in already, people will just stop raising crops that require any labor. If this bill were passed on a national scale it would be different, but being just Oregon, with Covid still causing so much uncertainty, during a drought, this is horrible timing. Please understand the produce world is highly competitive and margins are very tough. On my side of the Cascades, we don't have the margins to absorb this costs.

Thank you for your time,

Scotty