

I am writing in support of HB 2358, to prohibit employers from permitting or requiring agricultural workers to work in excess of 40 hours in one workweek unless workers are compensated for overtime hours worked.

Over the last year we have seen farm workers put their health and lives at risk by working through a pandemic, wildfire smoke, and the recent winter storm. However, these workers are excluded from a labor standard afforded to almost every other worker. We must end this exclusion, ensure farm workers are justly paid for their labor, and improve their economic well-being by passing farm worker overtime.

I urge passage of this bill.

Thank you.