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Oregon Legislatures

I am writing again in regards to House bill 4002 or the agriculture overtime bill. If this bill passes, we will be forced to automate and change our cropping practices to do so. The sad reality of this passing is the loss of work for our ag employees. The farmers I know pay more than minimum wage to keep their loyal employees resulting in minimal turn over and happy employees. These workers are concerned about the loss of hours that will ensue if this bill passes.

With Washington and California already having to pay for agriculture overtime Oregon will follow suit due to not having a backbone. I feel like we can make a better decision.

If this bill passes, I will call out those in support of it so our employees can really see who supports them and who is just looking to take money from their pocket.

This bill is poorly written and it only harms the working farmers in Oregon who are having a hard enough time being competitive in a world market. This bill will increase the cost of food further. Agriculture is a different business than the normal 9-5 Monday through Friday. Our workers understand this and understand the importance of good quality food which I feel will be compromised if this bill passes. Thank you for your time and for wasting mine.

Sincerely,

Greg Bennett

Fourth Generation farmer (for now)