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Passing this overtime bill would hurt Oregon Agriculture in many ways. We raise blueberries on our small family farm. We have to compete on a global scale. When we have to pay more to grow and harvest our berries this puts us at an economic disadvantage to any another producer not only nation-wide but world-wide! We also raise grass seed, wheat, hazelnuts, and small seed crops such as clover. All of these commodities would suffer since we have to have hand labor for pruning, weeding, and irrigating. We already have to compete against all industries for our labor pool; this bill would make it much harder and would not bring more people to work on our farms.

Oregon already is a hard state to do business in, this is one more reason to move out of state and that is hard to say since I am a fifth generation Oregon farmer!