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I strongly oppose the proposal to include agricultural workers in overtime requirements. 20 years ago as a teenager I worked for multiple farms, in excess of 80 hours a week over multiple summers. I worked with other young people, old people, US citizens on non-citizens alike. I believe that such work was beneficial to my character and building my work ethic and drive, as well as financial prudence. These traits helped me immensely through my adult life. I currently am not involved in any business that would be directly affected by this bill.

I believe that requiring farmers and ranchers to pay overtime would severely damage the industry in Oregon as whole. In our current economic climate, with so many variables negatively effecting many industries, such as rising fuel prices and general inflation, adding one more blow to the agriculture industry could have serious consequences. Oregon grown products will simply not being able to compete price-wise with other states. In the long run this could result in monetary loss to our rural communities, and to the State as a whole.