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Farmworkers are instrumental in ensuring that Oregon's food systems stay afloat. These folx should be invested in, paid for all of the hours they work, and are deserving of economic and food security because they are human. There is no logical reason that they should not be compensated for the hours they work. I believe that farmworkers deserve to be treated the same as all other workers. ?Extending overtime pay for Oregon's farmworkers is necessary to improve their economic security and decrease food insecurity. Throughout the pandemic, catastrophic fires and hazardous air quality levels, farmworkers continued to work to support Oregon's multibillion dollar agricultural industry and keep our food systems afloat. Oregon is behind other states in providing protections and overtime pay to the essential migrant and seasonal workers that our food system depends on. We need to pass Farmworker Overtime so we can all emerge stronger.