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Oregon's love of food and wine runs deep. The evidence is all around us – in our restaurants, cafes and diners that pride themselves on high-quality, fresh ingredients and Oregon wine. Many, many people contribute to our state's success, and all of them deserve to be paid overtime from the bartenders to the dishwashers to the servers and every farmworker responsible for maintaining our agricultural and harvesting our food. Farmworkers are essential to what makes Oregon great. 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, and ensure our state's long-term success. 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 as soon as possible so we can all emerge stronger.