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I have been so grateful for the way that Oregon has been able to continue to be an agricultural force - even during the pandemic. Within that gratitude I must acknowledge that our ag system is anchored by migrant and seasonal agricultural workers, yet these essential workers are excluded from overtime pay. 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. This matters for them as individuals and should matter for us as a community. 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. I've learned that 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.