

Talent, Oregon
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Co-Chairs Taylor and Holvey, and Members of the Joint Committee on Farm Worker Overtime:

I am writing as a member of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) of Oregon, Ashland where I serve as a member of the Public Policy Committee. I express my strong support for House Bill 4002A.

Farm workers have been working overtime for many years without compensation. Even with this bill it will take them to 2027 to reach a 40 hour week. Workers in other industries have had the 40 hour week with paid overtime for many years. It is only fair that farm workers have the same.

Farm workers are the lowest paid workers in the country, yet without these essential workers we would not have steady supply of food. The work is physically demanding and they are exposed to many industrial chemicals and the risk of injury is high and can result in death. Therefore fair compensation is essential.

I urge you to vote yes on House Bill 4002A.

Respectfully,

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Cc: Representative Pam Marsh
Senator Jeff Golden