

Submitter: Sarah Deumling
On Behalf Of: Zena Forest LLC
Committee: Joint Committee On Farm Worker Overtime
Measure: HB4002

To: Joint Committee on Farm Worker Overtime
Re: HB 4002
From Sarah Deumling
Zena Forest LLC

I submit this testimony to urge you to pass HB 4002. With my family I own and manage 1300 acres of family forestland in Polk County. Though not farmers we too hire folks to do much of the hard work we can't surround ourselves. We feel strongly that all workers in the U.S.A. should receive overtime pay and even especially farm workers who do some of the hardest work under sometimes less than comfortable circumstances and on whom we are ALL dependent for the food we eat. It is not the workers fault that America has bragged to ourselves and the world about our "cheap" food since at least the 1960s and that farmers get such a tiny share of the "food dollar" we spend at the store. There is a bigger problem that needs to be addressed here which has nothing to do with the fact that farm workers absolutely deserve the same rights as other workers.

Please pass HB 4002 and then start to think about the bigger problem.
Sincerely,
Sarah Deumling
Zenat Forest LLC