

Submitter: Shauna Beckstein
On Behalf Of:
Committee: Joint Committee On Farm Worker Overtime
Measure: HB4002
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To: Joint Committee on Farm Worker Overtime

Re: Support for Farmworker Overtime

Co Chairs Holvey and Taylor, and Members of the Joint Committee on Farm Worker Overtime,

My name is Shauna, and I live in Corbett and I am writing on behalf of myself and my farm.

I am writing to you today in support of farmworker overtime. Farmworkers should receive overtime pay after 40 hours in a workweek at one and one-half times the employee's regular rate of pay. As a farmer I know this will impact agriculture as a whole in Oregon, but it is our responsibility to move our sector forward.

Farmworkers are some of the lowest paid workers in Oregon with a median income of \$28,000 a year. Farmworkers who put food on our table should be able to put food on their own table and make enough money to do so. Farming is already backbreaking labor with no benefits, and farmworkers deserve to be able to take care of themselves. Farmworkers are not second-class workers and deserve the same rights as the rest of workers. Farmworkers deserve to be treated humanely.

I urge you to pass farmworker overtime in the 2022 Legislative Session to ensure farmworkers in Oregon are paid fairly for their skilled and essential labor.

Sincerely,

Shauna

Farm Manager