

My name is Duane Olson and I oppose HB 4002, it is bad for agriculture workers and another added cost for farmers. Why are we following the crowd instead of making our own path? Oregon is unique in so many ways can we not find a unique solution to this so-called problem as well. Without workers we can farm. We value our workers and we do not need the state to tell us how to value them, I think that should be between the employer and the employee.

If this bill passes I will be forced to shorten how much I can grow and harvest. This will lead to lower acreage planted causing higher food prices and layoffs. How can you say that this bill is for the workers when right now most farm workers have no clue about the bill or how it will truly impact them. Please come visit a farm, talk to the workers ask them if they would like to pay more in taxes by receiving overtime. I am not even mentioning the workers that could possibly quit due to loss of benefits from other government programs due to the wage increase. Your decisions make a difference in our day-to-day operations and the daily lives of our workers. Please re-evaluate this bill, thank you.

Sincerely,

Duane Olson