

Submitter: Jeff Thomas  
On Behalf Of: Oppose HB 4002  
Committee: Joint Committee On Farm Worker Overtime  
Measure: HB4002

Im at 3rd generation tree fruit grower. I am writing you and asking that you oppose HB 4002A.

If this bill is passed it will have a drastic and negative effect on those it was designed to benefit. Many of our employees count on the extra hours during harvest to supplement their income during slow times of the year. Capping those summer and peak harvest hours at 40 per week, will have a significant possibly severe impact on their personal finances resulting in them most likely taking a second job to offset he lost income, resulting in more time away from their families. In the summertime, I get a chance to speak with many workers that follow cherry Harvest north, all of them are thankful for the extra hours they get to work in Oregon and Washington, since they cannot work overtime in California. This trend will continue here in Oregon if this bill is passed. We are asking you to oppose this bill, and work with industry representatives in crafting legislation that works for all. Please stop listening to those who don't have a clue or concept (see OEA), and start listening to those who do.