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After last summer's dome of heat and the death of one agricultural worker, this bill is necessary. Depending on employers to act in a rational and humane way towards their employees has proven to be a fail. These workers - hailed as essential workers during the first months of the pandemic and recognized as necessary to the health of the community as well as the economy- will continue to be treated with less consideration than that given to livestock unless there is legislation to force agricultural businesses to provide the necessary basics - water, shade, and rest - needed for workers to LIVE as they work in the fields, orchards and pastures in Oregon.

Thank you Joana Kirchhoff