

Chair Holvey, Vice-Chair Elmer, Vice-Chair Sosa, and Members of the Committee:

I am writing to express my strong support for HB 2058, which seeks to provide financial assistance to eligible employers in order to mitigate the costs associated with compliance with the new agricultural overtime compensation requirements.

As an agricultural business owner in the state, I understand the importance of these regulations and the impact they have on the livelihoods of our farmers. However, the implementation of these regulations has created a significant financial burden for many of us, and without the necessary support, it is possible that some of these businesses will not be able to survive.

That is why I believe that the loan program proposed by HB 2058 is a crucial step in helping our agricultural businesses to not only comply with these regulations but also to thrive in the years to come. This program will provide the much-needed financial support that our businesses need to adapt and continue to grow, while also ensuring that our workers are treated fairly and receive the overtime compensation they are entitled to.

I urge you to support HB 2058 and to take the necessary steps to ensure its passage. Our agricultural businesses are the backbone of our state's economy, and it is our responsibility to ensure that they have the support they need to succeed.

Thank you for your consideration and for your commitment to supporting our businesses and our workers.

Sincerely,

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