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House Committee on Rules | HB 3568

Chair Fahey, Vice-Chair Breese-Iverson, and members of the committee:

Oregon Farm Bureau is the state's largest agricultural trade association representing more than 6,000 members. Over 96 percent of our state's farms and ranches are family owned and operated.

We appreciate the opportunity to register our opposition to House Bill 3568 and the -1 amendment.

Due to the broad language included in this bill, we're confident it would impact our members that are vertically integrated. Each sector of our industry is reviewing the language in an attempt to understand the implications of HB 3568.

Our members include pickers, sorters, and storage or warehouse workers. The employee threshold of 100 or 500 is based off of a 12-month calendar meaning those who hire additional staff during harvest would be looped into this bill.

Again, we're thankful to Representative Ruiz for expressing his intention to not impact the agriculture and food processing industries. We look forward to ongoing communications to make sure all of our concerns are addressed.

Thank you.