

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

HB 2548

Relating to labor standards for agricultural workers

To: Ways and Means Full Committee
From: Capital Construction Subcommittee
Carrier: Representative Valderrama

HB 2548 appropriates \$666,791 General Fund to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission to distribute to the Center for Public Service at Portland State University to conduct a study of labor standards in Oregon’s agricultural industry with a focus on the health and safety risks, compensation and benefits, and employment conditions of farmworkers.

The measure also requires the Legislative Policy and Research Office to conduct a study assessing labor standards in Oregon’s agricultural industry with a focus on the rights and protections of farmworkers.

The Capital Construction Subcommittee recommends HB 2548 be amended by the –A9 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.