



Open Government Impact Statement

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Measure: HB 2548 - B

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SUMMARY

Digest: The Act would tell PSU to conduct a study on farmworker labor standards. Tells HECC to submit reports on the findings. The Act would tell LPRO to conduct a study on labor standards in the agricultural industry. Tells LPRO to submit findings to the legislature by September 15, 2026. The Act takes effect when the Governor signs it. (Flesch Readability Score: 60.8).

Directs the Higher Education Coordinating Commission to distribute moneys to the Center for Public Service at Portland State University to conduct, in consultation with Oregon State University, a study examining the labor standards and working experiences of farmworkers in this state. Requires the center to integrate the study findings with the study conducted by the Legislative Policy and Research Director.

Directs the commission to submit reports on the findings of the study to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to agriculture, business and labor and natural resources by certain dates.

Directs the Legislative Policy and Research Director to conduct a study relating to the labor standards in the agricultural industry and the rights and protections afforded to farmworkers in this state. Requires the director to submit a report to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to agriculture, business and labor and natural resources no later than September 15, 2026.

Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

OPEN GOVERNMENT IMPACT

Legislative Counsel has not adopted standards for drafting measures that establish exemptions from disclosure of public records.

This measure exempts from public disclosure and makes confidential the study of farmworkers' workplace benefits provided by farmers that is conducted by the Center for Public Service at Portland State University.

If those public records that could be subject to public disclosure were instead subject to mandatory disclosure under public records law, the public could gain knowledge about the workplace benefits specific farmers offer to farmworkers.