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Requested by HOUSE COMMITTEE ON RULES

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO  
HOUSE BILL 2548**

On page 1 of the printed bill, delete lines 4 through 20 and delete pages 2 through 7 and insert:

**“SECTION 1. (1) The Higher Education Coordinating Commission shall distribute the moneys appropriated to it under section 2 of this 2025 Act to the Center for Public Service at Portland State University to be used by the center to conduct a study examining the labor standards and working experiences of farmworkers in this state and evaluating the adequacy and availability of existing workplace protections for farmworkers.**

**“(2) The study must include, but need not be limited to, an analysis of the following:**

**“(a) Health and safety risks, including work-related injuries and fatalities, experienced by farmworkers.**

**“(b) Wages, including hourly and piece-rate compensation and work schedules.**

**“(c) Availability of, and access to, benefits such as health insurance, retirement benefits and paid leave.**

**“(d) Short-term and long-term financial security of farmworkers.**

**“(e) Opportunities for farmworkers to raise workplace concerns or complaints.**

**“(f) Gender-specific experiences and dynamics within the agricul-**

1 tural sector.

2 “(g) Availability of training and educational opportunities.

3 “(h) Barriers to enforcement of labor protections and access to legal  
4 remedies.

5 “(i) Employment conditions for farmworkers employed by farm la-  
6 bor contractors licensed under ORS 658.705 to 658.850.

7 “(j) Working experiences of farmworkers subject to a labor contract  
8 made under a temporary employment visa program.

9 “(k) The impacts on wages, working conditions and employment  
10 opportunities for local farmworkers resulting from the use of workers  
11 under a temporary visa program.

12 “(3)(a) In conducting the study, the center shall engage with farm-  
13 ers and farmworkers representing a diverse range of agricultural in-  
14 dustries, farm operations and geographic regions across this state.

15 “(b) Engagement efforts under this section shall include:

16 “(A) In-person interviews, focus groups and other methods designed  
17 to gather firsthand experiences and perspectives from farmworkers.

18 “(B) Consultation with farmers to obtain information regarding the  
19 benefits provided to farmworkers and the workplace policies and pro-  
20 tections applicable to farmworkers.

21 “(4) The commission shall submit reports on the findings of the  
22 study, in the manner provided in ORS 192.245, to the interim commit-  
23 tees of the Legislative Assembly related to agriculture, business and  
24 labor and natural resources, as follows:

25 “(a) The first report must be submitted no later than May 1, 2026,  
26 and must provide the initial findings of the study.

27 “(b) The second report must be submitted no later than September  
28 1, 2026, and must provide:

29 “(A) Updates to the initial findings; and

30 “(B) A summary of the progress of the study.

