

To: House Committee on Labor and Workplace Standards

From: Elaine Woods

Re: Oppose HB 2548

I strongly oppose HB 2548 and urge you to vote NO on this terrible, destructive bill!!

Farming is a life of hard work. The last thing farmers need is a new bureaucracy created which would be made up of people who have never farmed or run a successful business, who want to regulate farmers and tell them how to run their business.

If you have read some of the reports submitted to this committee, or even looked at the charts which have been provided by those who ARE knowledgeable on the challenges of farming in Oregon, you will see that our farmers in Oregon are at a huge disadvantage compared to farmers in other states. Do not further destroy Oregon farms!

I grew up on a small dairy farm in upstate New York. In order to pay bills and meet our needs, my father had to work a 40-hour job in addition to getting up at 4 am to milk the cows, feed them and take care of the milk, then repeat 12 hours later. Family farms in New York State are largely a thing of the past.

Do not let this happen in Oregon.

Vote NO on HB 2548!

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