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HB 2548 would establish a new unelected bureaucratic board to oversee the Ag industry's labor practices and create regulations that not only standardized Ag practices but also determine how employees will be trained for specific positions.

This is absolutely insane! We have a saying on every farm in America; "There's the right way, the wrong way, and MY way to do things." Every operation is different, "employee" training takes a lifetime, and no union apprenticeship program can replace generational, hands-on knowledge.

We don't pay per hour, as Ag is a LIFESTYLE! It's 24/7, paid in housing, knowledge, skills, meals, blood, sweat, tears, and a split of the harvest proceeds.

If we have to pay per hour, AND train greenhorns, nobody is getting work. It's that simple. We're already operating on razor-thin margins out here, and this bill will put the rest of rural Oregon out of business, then spread to other states. Help stop it here, and now!