

Submitter: Melissa Reed
On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Labor and Workplace Standards
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3193

Dear Representatives,

My name is Rev. Melissa Reed, I am a Lutheran pastor and currently serve as the Bishop's Associate for the Oregon Synod, a body of 20,000 Lutherans and 100 Lutheran congregations across the state and I am writing in support of HB 3193 Farmworker Disaster Relief Program. I am a member of the Sacred Organizing Coalition and St. Luke Lutheran Church in Portland.

As I travel across this state through my ministry I am so grateful for the diverse fabric of community that makes Oregon home. We are blessed to live in such an abundant state where so much of our own food can be grown by local hands. Our state is alive and well because of these hands, many of whom toil in the elements becoming more and more extreme due to climate change and disasters. They put their own lives at risk too often so we may eat and live.

I ask you to wholeheartedly support HB 3193 and be sure that we are supporting the hands, bodies and hearts that our supporting our hands, bodies and hearts. The healthier and well cared for such an integral part of our community is, the healthier and more cared for we all are.

With Gratitude & Courage,
Rev. Melissa O'Keefe Reed