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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Labor and Workplace Standards

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2548

I am asking you to vote no on HB 2548 Oregon Farmers are already struggling to make ends meet, this would cripple them and their farmworkers who depend on the work for their families. Oregon already has some of the strictest labor laws in the Nation, which apply to farm workers as well. Putting stricter laws on them will burden them more than ever. Farm Employees cannot adjust prices to account for rising labor costs. Oregon farmers export 80% of it's produce, not only competing with other farmers but with International farmers as well. Oregon farmers are already struggling with labor shortages, rising costs, with more mandates from a Workplace Standards Board will only increase challenges, driving family farms out of business, as well as the farmworkers, this is will have a negative effect on all.

HB 2548 threatens the livelihood of family farms and ranches by imposing unnecessary legal burdens. It increases costs and limits the flexibility needed to manage agricultural businesses. At a time when family farms are struggling to stay afloat, the legislature should reject this punitive concept.

HB 2548 is not supported by facts, please vote no on HB 2548