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This bill would certainly result in fewer jobs available on farms, and so it would really be harmful to farmworkers. It would destroy opportunities for my own family members who are looking for work, The city slickers who wrote this bill do not understand how hard it is to find work in rural areas, where farmers really need more workers but already are dealing with too many restrictions on their freedom to hire workers. Nobody who has any real experience in agriculture could support this bill. Much of it is redundant, unnecessary bureaucracy. For example, we already have minimum wage laws, and we already have a Bureau of Labor and Industries. To term this bill an "emergency" is ridiculous. There is no emergency; we can live without this malicious attack on Oregon agriculture.