



Jefferson County Farm Bureau

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Chair Grayber and Vice Chair Elmer and Committee Members,
Labor and Workplace Standards
900 Court St. NE Salem, Oregon 97301

Oppose HB 2548

Dear Chair Grayber and Committee Members,

Jefferson County Farm Bureau is a member of the Oregon Farm Bureau Federation (OFBF). In 1947 our county farm bureau was formed.

As a county farm bureau, we oppose the original bill, HB 2548 and dash two amendment. The amendment makes this even a more extreme bill. We feel that the bill is not needed and you need to understand that agriculture already has lots of federal and state labor laws to protect the employees. The only ones that won't be protected with this bill will be the employer.

Agriculture is in a very fragile state with low prices and pressure to develop. This bill will only encourage agriculture employers to decrease or not even raise crops that need employees. This bill if passed will change agriculture in Oregon and do a lot of damage in what makes Oregon Oregon.

Our farming region is coming out of five years of drought and this bill if passed will be the tipping point of no return in employing agricultural workers and keeping farmers in production.

Please, do not adopt HB 2548.

Sincerely,

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