



March 12, 2025

To: House Committee on Labor and Workplace Standards

From: Oregon Organic Coalition

RE: Supporting HB 3193

Dear Chair Grayber, Vice-Chair Elmer, Vice-Chair Muñoz, and Members of the Committee:

I am writing on behalf of the Oregon Organic Coalition (OOC) to express support for HB 3193, the Farmworker Disaster Relief Fund.

Incorporated in 2008, the Oregon Organic Coalition (OOC), works to promote the growth of Oregon's organic industry and community. By bringing together farmers, businesses, and affiliated organizations, OOC provides leadership, advocacy, and support to expand the organic sector, while building resilient regional food systems.

Organic's core principles of health, ecology, fairness, and care includes farmworkers. Oregon's agricultural industry needs to collectively support these frontline workers who often face harsh conditions to produce the food the state needs.

HB 3193 will provide temporary financial relief to farmworkers in Oregon who lose work or wages due to extreme weather conditions. This is a smart policy to ensure farmworkers are not forced to choose between working in unsafe conditions and losing the wages they depend on.

The OOC urges your support on this important bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Amy Wong".

Amy Wong

Oregon Organic Coalition - Coalition Director