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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Labor and Workplace
Standards

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2548

Chair Grayber, Vice Chair Elmer and Committee Members,

Please vote no on HB 2548 and the -2 amendment

I am a 4th generation United States farmer. Our family farms together in Central Oregon. We have dealt with a lot of hardships the past few years with freeze damage, drought and low commodity prices. This bill and the -2 amendment as drafted would be detrimental to agriculture in Oregon and devastating to family farms.

We used to hire high school students to give them an experience in agriculture as well as teach them a work ethic. With the current wage scale, it is extremely hard to employ inexperienced youth to fit into our farming operation. HB 2548 and the -2 amendment would make it nearly impossible for us to hire youth and give them the experience of working on the farm and gaining worthwhile experience.

I urge you to vote no on HB 2548; it will change Oregon.

Respectfully,

Wade Flegel