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Dear Chair Grayber and Members of the House Committee  
on Labor and Workforce Standards,

On behalf of the Roseburg Area Chamber of Commerce and the businesses, organizations and individuals we represent throughout Douglas County, especially our small farms and wineries, I urge you to oppose HB 2548. Agriculture and agricultural workers are an important part of Douglas County's local economy and our state's economy.

The chamber opposes HB 2548 due to the unintended consequences it would have on our already struggling agricultural sector. The proposed Agricultural Workforce Labor Standards Board would have authority to set wages, benefits and establish criteria for workplace conditions. This would create regulatory uncertainty, increase costs and limit employers' flexibility necessary to operate successfully. These impacts would put businesses in the agricultural sector at an untenable economic and competitive disadvantage resulting in adverse impacts not only to these small businesses, but to employees and consumers alike.

Please protect our small agricultural businesses, farmers, wineries and their employees, by voting no on HB 2548 and the -2 amendment.

Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

ROSEBURG AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
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*To advocate for and be the voice of the business community in the greater Roseburg area.*

*To strengthen, enhance and protect our members through political advocacy, economical development, community promotion and member programs and services.*