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PCUN Testimony supporting HB 2113 Modifies fees for certain Farm Labor Contractors to the House Business and Labor Committee

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PCUN, Oregon's Farmworker Union strongly supports passage of HB 2113. Modifies fees for certain Farm Labor Contractors.

Since our founding in 1985, PCUN has advocated for and worked to improve the living and working conditions of farmworkers.

The majority of fieldwork performed in Oregon is by farm labor contractors who are hired by Oregon growers to supply a labor force. While many are licensed and bonded many continue to do this work without being registered. Over the years, we have experienced many issues regarding pay and working conditions even amongst the licensed FLC. We have depended on the assistance of the Bureau of Labor and Industries to enforce the law and bring about justice

Recently we have worked with BOLI to educate growers and farm workers alike on the rules and regulations in Oregon law to prevent potential issues.

By enacting **HB 2113**, farmworkers will continue to depend on the State of Oregon to defend the rights and bring about fairness to all in Agriculture.

It worth mentioning that BOLI has done an excellent job with the limited resources it has. It's only fair that Farm labor Contractors pay the additional fee as a result of increased economic cost.

We appreciate this opportunity to share our views and urge a "yes" vote on **HB 2113**