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Committee Members hearing SB828

I farm in Hood River County and raise apples, pears, cherries and some other crops.

This Bill is inappropriate for Agriculture. Everyday whether we work or not depends on the weather.

We work most days all year if the weather permits. As a rule we do not have our crews work in driving blizzards, ice storms, temperatures below 25 degrees, downpours or temperatures above 100 degrees or at temperatures where damage will occur to our crop. We also do not work in lightning storms as we think it is important to get our workers off of aluminum ladders and out of the fields. Also at times crews have to stop picking as we are notified by our packinghouses that fruit we are picking is below grade and not saleable.

We live in a weather transition zone between western and eastern Oregon and the weather is impossible to predict from day to day and minute to minute. It is impossible to predict our work schedule.

We make every effort to give our people regularly scheduled adequate hours everyday when we ask them to come to work.

Requiring us to compensate them every time the weather or other factors interrupted work would bankrupt us and other family farms all over Oregon.

Unfortunately many citizens and law makers have lost touch with the realities of farming.

Please oppose SB828.

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