

HB 2358

I am Roberta Valladao and I am an owner of VP Cattle LLC in Terrebonne OR. My daughter and I are in business in a family cow/calf business right now we don't employ anyone besides ourselves, because the cost to have an employee does not pencil in at this time financially. We are getting to the point where we may need to have an employee; that if this bill passes will not happen. During calving season we check our cows every four hours 7 days a week. This is a time period of about three to four months that we could work more than 40 hour weeks. The profit margin in the livestock industry is very small. Passage of this bill will prevent hiring anyone.

There are other labor intense farms and ranches that will be hiring less people than they need because of the added cost. The farmers and rancher and other natural resources in this state are already being targeted with increase from other state mandates that will put people out of jobs or just give up trying to produce any commodities. The loss of good, fiber, and other resources will not just hurt our state but the rest of the world if the commodities are no longer available for sale. I ask you to vote against HB 2358 when it comes up for a vote. Our small family businesses may not survive much more increase in operational cost since the market is so low. I don't want to loose my way of life and my ability to provide for myself and my family because of increase the state wants to put on us. With all the challenges working with COVID-19 requirements this is and added burden we don't need.

Thank you for reading my comments.