

Mr. Chair and Members of the House Committee of Business and Labor,

My name is Julie Jespersen and I am a farmers wife. My husband, alongside his father farm 550 acres of hay ground in Southern Oregon. We have chosen this lifestyle to raise our young family. Our farm employs 5 full time employees year round with a living wage. Additionally in the growing and harvest season we hire 5 to 7 seasonal employees. Implementing overtime for agriculture would be detrimental to our family business. These additional costs would have to be passed on to the consumer, only adding to the already increasing prices of food at the grocery store.

I am asking you to VOTE NO on House Bill 2358. For me, for my family and for your family, Vote NO!

Thank you for your time.