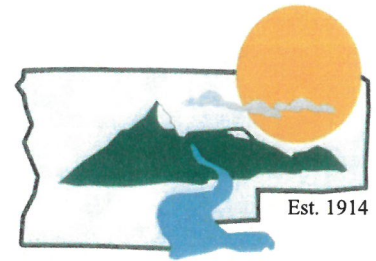


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March 8, 2021

House Committee on Business and Labor
900 Court St., NE
Salem, Oregon 97301

RE: Opposition of HB 2358

Dear Chair Holvey, Vice Chairs and Committee Members,

I am writing in opposition of HB 2358 regarding Ag Overtime. This bill lacks bipartisan support, was put together without any work group nor any conversation to find common ground.

Jefferson County farmers, the backbone of our community, have fought drought, generational storms, and a lack of irrigation water for many years. HB 2358 would add yet another layer of cost that this community cannot afford, nor remain competitive in service of US and Global Markets. It also proposes the most aggressive overtime policy in the US, superseding conditions already addressed in the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act.

I would like to gently remind the committee that in years past legislation has been heard that negatively affected Ag workers without their consult nor consent. HB 2358 lacks the vetting of not only the producer but also the actual worker its intended to protect.

I strongly urge a no vote on behalf of the Ag Community of Jefferson County!

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kelly Simmelink". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kelly Simmelink
Jefferson County Commissioner