

My name is Sue Vanek and my husband and I farm in Central Oregon. We are a 3rd generation farm and our sons are trying to farm with us. It is difficult enough to manage increases in our farming operation. With all the other increasing costs, we can not afford overtime costs. We can not pass on these increases because our prices are set from the seed companies that we have to deal with. Other businesses can increase the price of their goods or their services, to compensate for over time costs. But farmers can not do that. HB2358 would hurt our operation tremendously. We already pay over minimum wage and also pay a bonus. When it is time to plant or harvest our crops, we can not just stop when our workers reach 40 hours because we can not afford to pay the over time. If HB2358 passes, we will be forced to grow crops that are less labor intensive. This means we won't hire anyone and that just hurts the laborer's. It may just put us out of business all together. You may think that passing HB2358, will help the laborers, it will actually hurt them because there will be no need for them. Please while you are eating your breakfast, lunch, and dinner, think of the farmers that worked so hard to put those meals in front of you. Vote no on HB2358 and keep the farmers farming!