

The Oregon Farm to School and School Garden Network supports HB 2819!

The EITC boosts worker economic security by helping families afford the basics. We're especially concerned about farmworkers and their families. The EITC currently excludes certain workers, many deemed essential, across agriculture, food processing, retail, and construction sectors. These essential workers have been disproportionately impacted by the pandemic due to racial inequities across the state. Oregon's EITC is based on eligibility for the federal EITC, which discriminates against families who would otherwise qualify for the EITC based on their earned income. This includes 34,000 Oregon families—predominantly Latino and Asian Americans—who file their taxes using an Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN). The EITC must cover all income-eligible workers who file taxes, including ITIN filers.

We urge your support for HB 2819.  
Thank you for your consideration and your service,

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