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I oppose this this bill for a multiple reasons. If we start forcing our agriculture businesses to start paying overtime. We are going to force them to start reducing the number of jobs they provide in our communities. I also believe this bill will put a lot of our smaller employers completely out of business because of the added cost. They will also have to charge more for the crops/products produced even after reducing their number of employees. They will have a harder time selling their products because they will be competing against companies out of our state who don't have this added cost. So now along with a reduced number of people working and a reduced number of employers, everyone will also be paying more at the stores to try and feed their families and themselves. While you think this is going to help increase incomes, in the long run you are actually driving more people into poverty. At a time when inflation is skyrocketing, compounding these high prices would be detrimental to the citizens of Oregon and our state with this bill. I have worked in agriculture most of my life. I have also worked non agriculture jobs and made less in those jobs than in agriculture. If a person feels they are not making enough money at a job then it's time they look for a different employment opportunity. The thing that most of our population seems to have forgotten, is from the food in your house to the clothes on your back It all started on a Farm or Ranch.

**NO FARMERS OR RANCHERS = NO FOOD & NO CLOTHES!!!!**

Thank you

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