

Submitter: Matthew Hamilton

On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Business and Labor

Measure: HB4002

Chair Holvey,

My name is Matt Hamilton. I am a Marine Corps Combat veteran. I am 35 years old. My young family and I farm grass seed and hazelnuts in Polk County for a living. I beg you and the committee to Vote No and deny this bill passage. My family employ's 5 full time employees 4 of them with employment spanning 16-27 years on our farm. If you help this bill pass I hope you and the committee will personally show up to each of their houses explain to them why they no longer are able to provide for their families as they once were. We are price takers. Hopefully you heard the cries from our contracted labor that we could only afford to hire for 40hrs after January 1st 2022. They felt our pain. Within 4 days BOLI rescinded the new law. We can't afford to pay above what we can get for the crop. This further deteriorates our ability to farm as a family farm. This bill will not help those it claims it will, it does the exact opposite. Please help us, we work together with our employees on our farms. Please Vote No on HB 4002. Kill It!