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While requiring overtime wages for farm workers sounds like a good idea on the surface and is well intentioned, the passing of this bill would in effect harm the very same farm workers that it seeks to support. In order to pay these increased wages, farmers would be required to do a combination of the following: cut employee hours (harming those workers wages), raise prices on products (harming the ability of consumers across Oregon and the country to afford basic products), or reduce production (harming, again, both the workers and consumers at large). The net effect of this bill would be negative to the financial stability of the very farm workers it seeks to support - along with the a negative net effect to the farmers and consumers throughout the state.