

Submitter: Wes Brain

On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Business and Labor

Measure: HB4002

Dear Committee on Business and Labor:

I'm submitting testimony in support of HB 4002. My name is Wes Brain and I have lived in the Rogue Valley since 1956. Growing up amidst our agriculture community here in Southern Oregon I have witnessed a general change over the years. It use to be mostly the pear industry which changed to the wine industry which more recently changed to the marijuana industry. This change saw smudge pots for pears become windmills and sprinklers for wine grapes and today hoop houses for marijuana. One thing has remained the same over these decades. The exploitation of farmworkers has been consistent. This is why we need HB 4002. It is time for fair compensation for those who toil in the fields yet are largely left out of the huge profits these agricultural products bring to the growers of these crops. Please include my testimony as you decide how to view this legislation. Farmworkers need compensated for overtime and it is time to level the playing field by ending the exploitation of this workforce.

Sincerely,
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