

Submitter: Thomas Lopez

On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Farm Worker Overtime

Measure: HB4002

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To: Joint Committee on Farm Worker Overtime

Re: Support for Farm worker Overtime

Co Chairs Holvey and Taylor, and Members of the Joint Committee on Farm Worker Overtime,

My name is Thomas and I live in Corbett and I am writing on behalf of myself as a farm worker.

I am writing to you today in support of farm worker overtime. Farm workers should receive overtime pay after 40 hours in a workweek at one and one-half times the employee's regular rate of pay. As a farmer I know this will impact agriculture as a whole in Oregon, but it is our responsibility to move our sector forward.

Farm workers are some of the lowest paid workers in Oregon with a median income of \$28,000 a year. Farm workers who put food on our table should be able to put food on their own table and make enough money to do so.

Also farm workers should be able to spend more time with their families or tend to other responsibilities, instead of spending most of their life at work.

I urge you to pass farm worker overtime in the 2022 Legislative Session to ensure farm workers in Oregon are paid fairly for their skilled and essential labor.

Sincerely,

Thomas Lopez

Farm Worker