



February 23, 2022

To: Joint Committee on Farmworker Overtime

From: Oregon Latino Health Coalition

Re: Support for HB 4002-Farmworker Overtime

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

My name is Josué Peña Juárez, and I live in Portland, Oregon and I am writing on behalf of The Oregon Latino Health Coalition. We are a statewide health advocacy organization dedicated to eliminating health disparities impacting one of the fastest growing, young and diverse population--Latinx Oregonians. At the Oregon Latino Health Coalition, we envision an Oregon where all have equitable opportunities and resources, leading to optimal health and fulfilling lives.

I am writing to you today in support of farmworker overtime. Farmworkers should receive overtime pay after 40 hours in a workweek at one and one-half times the employee's regular rate of pay. Farmworkers are an essential workforce who are often in hazardous working conditions deserving of respect, protection of their labor and health rights. We know that the link between labor and health is inextricably linked, and with labor protections like Farmworker Overtime pay we know that health outcomes improve.

I urge you to vote Yes on HB 4002 to pass farmworker overtime in the 2022 Legislative Session to ensure farmworkers in Oregon are paid fairly for their skilled and essential labor.

Sincerely,

Josué Peña Juárez

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Oregon Latino Health Coalition