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I noticed the summary of HB 2548 declares this an emergency, but the real emergency is that it will lead to far fewer farms, fewer employees, and fewer agricultural businesses to support the remaining farms left if it passes.

Oregon already has one of the highest minimum wages and OSHA workplace fine rates in the nation, along with numerous regulations and farmland restrictions. This bill doesn't help workers or consumers; it makes farming harder and more expensive. HB 2548 takes away a farmers ability to control costs. Farmers are price takers and cannot set prices for their crops to recover increased in costs.

On our farm, we adjust what we grow and try to minimize overtime hours to save money. Why should unelected bureaucrats make decisions for our farm without understanding our financial situation or how it impacts our employees? This act alone takes my right and ability as a farmer to make decisions that affect our bottom line.

It's time to support Oregon farmers who grow the food you put on your table and the fibers you wear, instead of regulating us out of business.

PLEASE, oppose HB 2548 for the sake of all farms and the next generation of farmers.

Thank you for your time

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