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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Labor and Workplace Standards

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2548

My name is John Abrams, I am a sixty-seven year old fourth generation Oregon farmer, including Hazelnuts (filberts). I join many Constitutional Oregonians who absolutely oppose HB 2548. HB 2548 defines un-elected "bureaucratic creep" of the worst kind, what makes this proposed action even more egregious is, it targets private industry. As stated by many other submittals, Oregon's existing labor laws are already some of the strictest in the nation, adding a Marxist type bureaucratic/State "take-over" of the free market "at-will" employer/work force dynamic ensures destruction of a viable industry and traditional employer of a significant sector of Oregon residents. The government ruling class seems obsessed with the fictional idea that they know better than the rank-and-file citizenry - who by definition, know best and are best equipped to manage their private and working lives. All Oregon must resist the utopian allure of socialistic/communistic control, history proves it necessarily creates a universally poor citizenry and unproductive industry. The ruling-class efforts to mindlessly advocate for "low skill" labor, in this age of automation and A.I., time and time again, disproportionately hurts the very people they obtusely pat themselves on the back for stewarding.

The State of Oregon now suffers from a bloated, self-serving government that appears to have lost most connection to basic beneficial efficiency, please refrain from feeling you need to, and have a mandate to, "fix" what is left of the functioning agricultural proletariat.

Thank you for your thoughtful considerations,  
John Abrams