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As a small farmer in the Willamette Valley I cannot think of anything more detrimental to our business. Dealing with shortages of laborers as it is no one is firing employees without cause. The bill in its entirety is anti family farm and seems like it's trying to push them out and make room for giant investor farms. Farming has already gotten much harder with all the recent regulations and this will be the final straw for many. Please for the sake of the hard working farmers of Oregon do not pass this bill. Bills like this shouldn't even be brought as they will be very destructive to the states economy. More importantly however, I've talked to many farmers and they are discussing mechanizing what they can, getting rid of crops they can't. This means no more laborers or very few as well as prices for produce skyrocketing for consumers. This in turn leads to unemployment going up and a lot of farm worker families without income. For farmers the current costs to raise crops verses what we make is barely keeping us above water as it is. Most jobs pay an increase per year for inflation, farmers don't get that. The blackberry price was one of the lowest this year in history while all input cost have skyrocketed. Piling this bill on top is going to be devastating not just to farmers, but to those that work on them and the consumer as well. Please vote no on this bill.