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**OREGON WHEAT GROWERS LEAGUE**

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Dear Chari Grayber, Vice Chairs Elmer and Munoz and members of the Committee,

The Oregon Wheat Growers League is a nonprofit trade association representing farms across Oregon producing wheat. We are submitting testimony in opposition to House Bill 2548. This bill unfairly targets agriculture, increasing regulations on a singular industry and removing at-will employment. It undermines the relationship between employers and farm workers, taking away the ability of our farmers to make necessary management decisions when it comes to staffing their operations. Of great concern, it increases the risk for employing individuals in agricultural operations, ultimately driving us towards less employment security.

Wheat farms generally use less labor than other ag operations, but our employees are essential. Rather than facilitating a strong workforce, this bill dramatically increases the risk to employ people and will require fundamental shifts in our approaches to employment. Wheat operations are already struggling and our producers cannot afford the addition of more regulatory burden that does not ultimately help workers or consumers. In areas where we cannot mechanize, it will drive our small family farms to internalize additional work to an unsustainable level--- resulting in a loss of efficiency, and a decrease in safety for primary operators.

This bill is not equitable and it will likely result in job loss, not job security. I urge you to listen to the concerns of the agriculture industry and vote no on HB 2548. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Amanda Hoey  
CEO

