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This piece of legislation is 100% pure trash, sponsored by a group of spiteful, hateful and controlling communist Democrat politicians, who are either corrupt or stupid to think that a 13-member politically appointed board has the legal or moral right, or even the ability, to set the "perfect" price for hourly AND piece rate farm work in the manner of a communist state. It looks like they want to now do a study at the Communist University of Portland to get some liberal elite professor who has never stepped foot on a farm, other than Knotts Berry Farm, to lecture us on how horrible we treat our own people, like God forbid farm owners hire people to work on the farm, we must be taking advantage of people and big daddy government must come in and save these helpless people! Get the out of here with that garbage, hateful and divisive narrative. It is 100% false.

Since these corrupt politicians think they are so much smarter than us stupid farm owners, do enlighten us, how much per-plant should the government set the price to prune a third-leaf pinot noir vine in Salem? Now tell me, how much per plant should the government set the price to prune a sloped 15th leaf chardonnay vine in McMinnville? Tell me, Representatives, because I guess you know better than anyone who actually works in the industry!

The sponsoring legislators live in inner-city Portland, yet for some reason they are so passionate about farming. Why is that? If you are so passionate about farming, if you really care so much, why don't you quit being a politician and instead go try to run a labor-intensive wine grape or wholesale nursery farm in this state under this new law, and GOOD LUCK because your own laws will cause you to go broke within a single year. You will be forced to pay so much for any hired help, that you will go out of business, and there will be no more jobs because you and your committee virtue-signaled so much and made the jobs so expensive that the industry was destroyed!

Congratulations!

And one more comment for the Oregon Democrats - kindly, it would be appreciated if you stop making insinuating remarks about farm owners. We are the ones who invested our savings into Oregon farms, so think about that when you look at your 401(k) balance - read: you sent your life savings to Wall Street in your 401(k), while we kept it right here in Oregon and put the money to work to invest in our own state. Can you say as much?

The farm workers do more for themselves than you will ever do for them with this

stupid, stupid law.

Make yourselves useful and adjourn this horrible legislative session. Be happy with your \$135,000,000,000 state budget and leave small farms alone.