

HB 3193– Farmworker Disaster Relief Fund

Background:

Oregonians increasingly face extreme heat waves, wildfires, and unhealthy air. Agriculture workers are disproportionately affected and impacted by climate change. Agricultural workers are often forced to work in dangerous smoke and heat because they cannot afford to miss out on what are already extremely low wages.

Oregon Worker Relief provided *temporary financial relief* to **9,569 agriculture workers in 34 counties** through the Climate Change Fund when unsafe heat or smoke pollution prevented them from being in the fields.

Solution:

We are now working with the Oregon Health Authority to create a **permanent fund** to support our essential agriculture workers, with a more expansive definition of “extreme weather” that goes beyond heat and smoke. This includes heavy flooding, rain, snow storms, hail, etc. The partnership will bring stability and security to Oregon’s agricultural workers, many of whom are immigrants, Indigenous, or Latinx, and low-income.

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