

Secretary Brocker,

Please consider this as my vote explanation for HB

I remain strongly opposed to HB 4002B and remain firm in my “no” vote. This bill will devastate the fresh vegetable production, fruit production, and other labor-intensive agriculture in my district. However, I wanted to note that I support the inclusion of the broad “range production” exemption in this bill. I have been assured by the carrier of the bill that this exemption is broad, and will cover all range production in my district.

The range production exemption in current law is maintained in HB 4002B for the livestock workforce. This appropriately addresses those who need to care for and feed for animals, whether feeding them in fields, moving them on the range, or tending to the pastures and fences where they keep their herds and flocks, and includes all other related work necessary for the production of such livestock. These workers will still receive the salary required by ORS 653.020.

This exemption allows everyone caring for livestock to pay a salary, and respond to sick animals, birthing lambs and calves, and other needs without the impossible task of tracking their time. While I am disappointed that other agricultural employers were not granted the accommodations they require under HB 4002B, I am grateful for the inclusion of the range production of livestock.

Thank you

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