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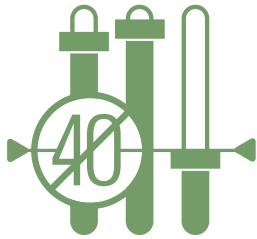
State Priorities

2022

Overarching approach: We support efforts and agendas that are based on bipartisan collaboration, and we work on educational efforts (meetings, tours) to bring decision makers up to date on how fiscal policies impact the success of our traded sector. In areas of taxation, regulation and legislative mandates, the OAN is committed to working to ensure that the state plays its appropriate role and minimizes its impact on the industry.

Policy

- **Agricultural overtime.** This is Priority 1 for us. We will work to make agricultural overtime a win-win for farms and farmworkers, by setting an overtime trigger to 50 hours and incorporating a 22-week non-consecutive exemption for high seasonality. OAN is opposed to a 40-hour cap on hours. Instead, we favor a flexible system that considers total compensation and protects employers from liability.



were impacted by disasters in 2020 and 2021. We support this plan.

- **Continued support for Nursery Program at the Oregon Department of Agriculture.** This program protects market access and is funded by an industry-supported nursery license fee.



- **Climate change.** We support climate policies that promote best practices and acknowledge positive contributions our growers make to fighting climate change. We will work to gain recognition for those contributions.



Engagement for 2023

- **Property tax exemption for farm equipment.** We support passage of a clarifying fix for the exemption on personal tangible property used for farming

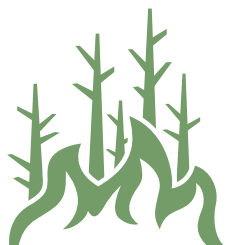


- **Workforce availability.** We support state-level efforts to address agricultural worker shortages, including H-2A assistance. We will work to develop policy options with agricultural interests, Oregon Department of Employment and BOLI



Infrastructure and investment

- **Implementation of Water Resources funding.** We support agricultural, municipal and conservation efforts to oversee core program spending at the state Water Resources Department. We want to reduce backlogs for applications while improving processes.
- **Emergency funding to agricultural operations.** An agricultural coalition white paper lays out a plan for \$50 million in direct aid to agricultural producers that



- **Future water supply development.** We support bipartisan efforts to modernize Oregon's water supply system. We will work to set the conversation for a transformative water infrastructure bill in 2023.



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