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Fairness for Farm Workers Act

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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • **State:** CA • **Chamber:** Senate

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Sen. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD]	D · MD		Jun 25, 2018
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		Jun 25, 2018
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jun 25, 2018

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Labor and Employment

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 6230	Identical bill	Jun 26, 2018: Referred to the House Committee on Education and the Workforce.

Fairness for Farm Workers Act

This bill amends the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 with respect to agricultural workers.

The bill requires employers, beginning in 2019, to compensate agricultural workers for hours worked in excess of their regular hours (i.e., 55 hours in 2019, 50 hours in 2020, 45 hours in 2021, and 40 hours in 2022) at not less than one and one-half times the employee's regular rate. For employers with 25 or fewer employees, the overtime pay requirements begin in 2022. These overtime pay requirements do not apply, as in current law, to employees who are the parent, spouse, child, or other member of the employer's immediate family.

The bill also repeals the exemption from overtime pay requirements for employers in various agriculture-related industries, including certain small farms, irrigation projects, sugar processing, and cotton ginning and compressing.

Actions Timeline

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