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Oregon Agricultural Labor Standards Study: Second Progress Report

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

House Bill 2548 (2025) directs Portland State University (PSU), in collaboration with Oregon State University (OSU), to conduct a comprehensive study of agricultural labor standards in Oregon. This report summarizes progress since the First Report submitted on May 1, 2026.

During this reporting period, the research team executed the agreement with the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC), secured final Institutional Review Board (IRB) approval, contracted with 15 community-based organizations (CBOs), trained data collectors, finalized the data collection instruments, and began farmworker data collection.

Administrative and contracting delays postponed the start of data collection until August 16, 2026. To ensure adequate participation and maintain the quality of the study, data collection has been extended through September 30, 2026, and the research team has requested that the final report deadline be extended from December 1, 2026, to January 31, 2027.

PSU and HECC have also worked to amend the original agreement to correct the indirect cost calculation and reallocate funds between personnel and services and supplies.