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# Media Advisory

## **Record Attendance Expected for Conferences on AG Labor Issues**

### ***Wafila Addresses Labor Unrest and Rising Ag Wages***

**Wenatchee, WA** - Wafila, the largest guestworker provider in the western U.S., is holding its annual H-2A Workforce Summit and Labor Conference next week at the Wenatchee Convention Center on January 17 and 18. These two conferences deliver vital HR and labor information to AG employers. The Labor Conference doubles as our association's annual meeting. We will have record attendance with nearly 400 members combined attending these day-long events.

The H-2A Workforce Summit focuses on how seasonal employers can improve their experience in the federal H-2A visa program. Many presentations teach regulation compliance and improving worker performance. Other topics will include immigration reform and attracting top quality workers. Wafila just completed a successful summit for members in Oregon.

The Labor Conference is the only day-long conference dedicated to the labor and employment needs of agricultural and seasonal employers. Attorneys and industry experts will cover several topics of importance including rising ag wages and the new leave laws. Wafila members will also be voting in our board elections during the day.

Both conferences will have sessions concerning labor unrest. Discussion will focus on workers' rights, what to do when unrest occurs, and how to prevent unrest through leadership and procedures.

More information and full agendas for each event can be found at [wafila.org/webinarsandevents](http://wafila.org/webinarsandevents).

What: H-2A Workforce Summit and Labor Conference

When: Wednesday, Jan. 17 (Workforce Summit) | Thursday, Jan. 18 (Labor Conference)

Where: Wenatchee Convention Center  
121 N Wenatchee Ave,  
Wenatchee, WA 98801

Who: wafila members, top labor attorneys and industry experts

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*Wafila is a non-profit trade association that provides labor and employment advice for its more than 800 members in the pacific northwest.*