

March 24, 2013

Testimony in support of House Bill 2715.

Dear Honorable Members of the House of Representatives:

Please accept this written testimony in support of HB 2715 County self determination. I believe we cannot rely on the Federal or State government to regulate the most important issue on food security and local economic protection.

Even if the Federal and State governments allow GMOs a local jurisdictions should be allowed the right to secure its food supply. You have seen the facts and you must realize that GMO's are in our food supply and the potential health consequences are unknown. Therefore, to protect our communities we have an obligation to be very careful.

Attached for your review is the text from a 2 year study and it shows some very scary outcomes.

- "All treated groups died 2-3 more times then controls, and more rapidly."
- "Females developed large mammary tumors almost always more often than and before controls, the pituitary was the second most disabled organ; the sex hormonal balance was modified by GMO and Roundup treatments. In treated males, liver congestions and necrosis were 2.5-5.5 times higher."

We also know neither the FDA nor biotech companies have tested genetically engineered foods for short or long term safety in vulnerable populations such as children or the elderly. We already know that milk from cows treated with genetically engineered growth hormones contains unnaturally high levels of a natural growth factor (IGF-1), which is linked to the development of breast, prostate, and colon cancers.

Furthermore, genetically engineered crops are generally engineered to withstand much heavier-than-normal pesticide application; by consuming them, you also consume pesticide residues. Pesticides have been linked to numerous health problems including blood, kidney and liver toxicity, birth defects, and even cancer. Children are particularly vulnerable to the toxic effects of pesticides.

It seems like our food is at risk. Please consider passage of HB2715 that will allow Counties the right to create control areas and protect their food supply.

Respectfully submitted

Garrett Furuichi, 259 B Street, Ashland, OR 97520

(541)646-0575