

Oregon Citizens Lobby

A growing statewide collaborative effort by citizens to promote legislative accountability.

Oregon Citizens Lobby opposes HB 2319 for the following reasons.

This bill establishes precautions and penalties to prevent spreading of genetically engineered material to nearby property used for farming through Dept. of Agriculture regulations.

Personal Choice

This bill attempts to protect agriculture farms from the spread of invasive genetically altered crops (like canola). Once an invasive seed has spread, it is there for a very long time and contaminates other crops.

Fiscal Responsibility

Penalty of \$10,000 goes to the state and does not restore an agriculture farmer who deals with the spread destroying crops for years.

Limited Government

This bill attempts to establish controlled areas for growing genetically altered crops (canola) and protect Oregon's agriculture industry. However, a penalty for spreading invasive seeds does not prevent the damage. Control is better than nothing if not prohibited.

Local Control

Local areas would monitor control for the protection of local agriculture crops. However, controlled areas have not been successful with an invasive crop.

Free Markets

Limits markets of genetically altered crops, but protects the agriculture industry.

