

Testimony on SB 815:

My name is Barb Iverson. My family runs the Wooden Shoe Tulip Farm east of Woodburn. Every spring we have thousands of visitors from all over the country visit our farm to see our tulip field. We are in our 29th Festival season in what started out as just a road side stand and small tulip field. Being a farm, we experience the usual mud, gopher holes, tree roots etc. that are a part of life on the farm. Although we try to minimize these potential hazards and take many precautions, we sometimes get people slipping in the mud or tripping on uneven ground. We currently post signs letting people know they are on a farm and to watch for uneven and slick ground.

We have not as of yet had any issues obtaining insurance, and have not had any issues of being sued. However,

SB 815 would give us some reassurance and well as remind those visitors that we can't control everything. I also think this bill would give the growing agritourism industry some help. The connection of the urban and rural population needs to be strengthened and as you know, a trip out to a farmer's field is an important step in improving that relationship. A fear of being sued or lack of available insurance shouldn't be the wall between these populations.

Thanks for listening,
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