

Chair Roblan, members of the committee,

I'm writing to support passage of HB2393, which would clarify the rules related to the poultry bill that was passed two years ago. My wife and I operate a small farm, Terra Farma, in Corbett and we were very happy when the legislature passed the bill that allowed us to process up to 1000 birds per year for farm-direct sales. Some counties have seen this as an opportunity to raise revenue by charging a fee for a conditional use permit, which would have a significant negative impact on us and many other small-scale farmers.

As you know, farming is not a path to riches and margins are often very tight. Requiring a permit for what is clearly an appropriate use of farmland is onerous, which is why the house approved this in a near-unanimous vote.

Thank you for your consideration and your continued support of Oregon farmers.

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