



# Sustainable Cottage Grove

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## RE: SB320 (Roblan) – Small Home Baking Bill – SUPPORT

Honorable Arnie Roblan  
900 Court St., NE, S-417  
Salem, OR 97301

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Dear Senator Roblan,

I am writing on behalf of Sustainable Cottage Grove, a nonprofit organization in Cottage Grove, in support of your legislation SB 320, the Small Home Baking Bill.

**We support this legislation for a variety of reasons, but primarily because we wish to strengthen the local food system in our community and in other rural communities, and to increase local economic opportunities.** We believe that communities are stronger – socially, culturally, and economically – when they can produce locally more of the basic needs of their residents. Rural communities struggle economically, and many rural residents would benefit from the ability to start home-based food businesses without costly and time consuming licensing requirements.

This bill addresses an important policy goal of encouraging new food based businesses while still strongly protecting public safety. This bill only allows home-based food production for low-risk baked goods and confections, and only allows such production and sale on a very small scale. Products sold under this legislation are clearly labeled as having been produced in an unlicensed and uninspected facility, and consumers will know where their food is coming from.

This is good policy and we are happy to support this legislation.

Sincerely,

Rob Dickinson  
Sustainable Cottage Grove

### About Sustainable Cottage Grove

Sustainable Cottage Grove is a 501c3 nonprofit organization (though our fiscal sponsor Another Way Enterprises) in Cottage Grove, OR that focuses on building a sustainable, resilient, and interdependent community. We combine practical education on sustainability skills, such as food gardening and production, food preservation, healthy living and nutrition education, with educational community events designed to build awareness on issues of importance to our community. We are an active partner in a range of projects promoting food system sustainability, including community and school gardens.