



Oregon Dairy Farmers Association

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Oregon Dairy Farmers Association supports HB 2432 –

My name is Tami Kerr, I am the Executive Director of the Oregon Dairy Farmers Association. I was raised on a Dairy farm in Tillamook and continue to be an active member of the farm team together with my parents, brother and sister.

It is my privilege to offer this written testimony in support of HB 2432 as introduced, which expands the list of lands on which fireworks may be used to repel birds and other animals. As I understand it, the Bill requires fireworks used to repel birds or animals be purchased from a wholesaler and be properly stored.

This bill would provide a much needed tool to the 240 dairy producers (both Organic and Conventional) in Oregon who struggle to maintain clean surfaces for feed distribution. Currently, birds roost in the rafters of feed barns. The bird droppings fall where feed is placed and in the main walk ways of the barn where our animals eat and sleep. Maintaining clean barns for the dairy herd is of utmost importance to every dairy farmer.

Currently, the process for obtaining access to agricultural fireworks is time consuming and expensive.

HB 2432 would allow the State Fire Marshal to adopt rules for the use of fireworks to repel birds. The Oregon Dairy Farmers Association believes a threshold to allow use of fireworks under the auspices of the State Fire Marshal would provide a more readily accessible means of pest control for dairy producers.

Dairy Producers strive to maintain herd health every day of the year. The ability to maintain “bird free” barns would assist the producers we represent and my family in their efforts to ensure feed quality and achieve maximum cleanliness without injury to unwelcome birds.

The Oregon Dairy Farmers Association supports the passage of HB 2432.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony. I am available to respond to your questions. Please feel free to contact me at the phone number referenced herein.

Respectfully submitted – Tami Kerr, ODFA Executive Director