

Dear Senators:

Please vote no on HB3212 and HB2509. I am a doctor practicing in Grants Pass, OR and I fear for the health of our community if these bills are passed. It already is very difficult to find foods that are not contaminated with GMOs and Round-up. I fear this bill will make it impossible to guarantee my family has access to healthy foods. As a doctor I have seen a rise in digestive issues since GMOs have been leaking into our food supplies, and I have seen many of these patient's health issues improve with cutting out GMO foods from their diets. These bills would ignore our wishes as a community to ban GMOs from being grown in our area. Please vote no!

There are at least 4 big problems with HB 2509:

1. Forced mediation. HB 2509 would effectively force farmers whose crops were contaminated by GMOs into a vague "mediation process" orchestrated by the Oregon Dept. of Agriculture (ODA) before a farmer could go to court to sue to try to stop GMO contamination. Farmers can already use mediation if it make sense, but they should not be forced into a biased "mediation" process controlled by staunch GMO supporters at the ODA.
2. Liability for farmers contaminated by GMOs. If a farmer refused to mediate, HB 2509 says they could be liable for hundreds of thousands of dollars in a GMO-grower's attorney's fees in a related court case. AND if Monsanto or their ilk joined the case, the farmer could even be liable for their attorney fees.
3. Pro-GMO mediators. HB 2509's mediation process would be orchestrated by the State agency that has done more to defend GMOs than any other: the Oregon Dept. of Agriculture (ODA). ODA could then create a costly and time consuming mediation process that would make it harder for farmers to protect themselves against GMO contamination.
4. Funding for OSU propaganda. The bill would also direct propaganda funding to OSU for "educational materials and information regarding the coexistent use of agricultural lands." The bill would put OSU, which has a long history of promoting GMOs, in the position of using Monsanto's talking points that GMOs can "co-exist" with organic and other non-GMO crops despite the dramatic contamination events and billions in damage that GMOs continue to cause to non-GMO crops.

Thank you for taking the time to read this and listen to what our community has to say on the matter.

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