

HB 3212 is a major expansion of Measure 49's compensation rules and goes far beyond what Oregonians ever intended. This bill could result in untold millions of dollars being paid by taxpayers who only claim a right to eat GMO/pesticide-free food. As I'm sure you are aware, this bill is not only targeted at allowing increased GMOs but undermines the ability of every county and city to adopt any law (such as passed by the citizens of Jackson County) that protects family farmers from damaging agricultural practices. For instance, Jackson County could be allowed to waive the GMO ban that was approved by voters-- or face potentially millions of dollars in compensation claims if individual GMO growers claim the ban has reduced the value of their property.

I am very concerned about GMOs based on the fact that the prime purpose behind GMO crops is to produce plants that will withstand copious amounts of pesticides. The bill will promote the expansion of GMO crops. It will result in damage to family farmers who desire to grow organic food and compromise Oregonians' right to consume GMO/pesticide-free foods.

I urge you to oppose HB 3212.

Thank you for your consideration,

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