

To the Senators on this Committee,

I think its fairly obvious this bill is geared to promote dominance by a special interest, namely GMO agriculture. I would also questions the source of the bill itself as well, not the senator or signed onto it first, but who actually drafted the initial wording? Do any of you know? I doubt the first senator to sponsor it wrote it.

I think that its time we take a stand as a state that is dominated by agriculture, to support counties to choose their own destiny regarding that vital part of our economy. Many of us in Oregon, elected officials in Salem included, don't appreciate the federal government taking our rights as a state to make our own laws, Home Rule is best, the counties in Oregon don't appreciate Salem doing it to them either. Home rule is still the best bet in both scales.

In Jackson Country, over 65% (2-1) of the population voted to ban the growth of GMOs because this country is a leader in Organic seed production. As a leader, producing an impressive % of the organic seeds in the USA, it seems worth promoting and protecting. So why should all that potential revenue be ruined by GMO's cross pollinating and polluting neighboring farms? And why should HB 3212 be allowed to stymie the budding organic industry in Oregon and gut many other laws by re-designating them as land use issues. This is an end run around a citizen vote and an obvious grab by deep pocketed special interests that will ruin many ecological protections that are in place to protect water, soil and atmosphere.

There is no way for GMO's to "co'exist" with organic agriculture.

There is no reason for a law to make any kind of farming or agricultural practice allowable, and for counties to role back laws or pay compensation. This tactic is being used the world over to consolidate corporate power and put it above the power of soveign states, nations and citizens. Is that your intent?

Please, I know I'm not your constituent, but I beg you to consider the ramifications of this bill and stand up for the citizens right to control their counties through home rule and ballot initiatives. Oregon has a great thing going, she flies on her own wings, so lets make a stand for a better world, not cow to the demands of industrial titans.

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