

HB 4122

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I have been an open pollinated organic heirloom seed grower in the Willamette and Rogue Valley watersheds since 1988. I grow many of the crops that can be affected by GMO pollen contamination such as beets--corn-- brassicas. In 2008 I was leasing a farm on the outskirts of Eugene, Or where I was growing a red table beet for seed. My neighbor close by was growing GMO sugar beets in close proximity to my field. The president of Beta Seed then made contact with me about purchasing my crop and having me sign a waiver that I would no longer use that farm to grow beets. Since I understand the pinning I decided that I would accept his offer. The owner of the land wished not to make waves with his neighbors. This action caused me the additional costs of having to relocate to other more isolated areas I'm order to continue my seed growing operations. It is not in good practice to only allow the larger agribusiness concerns to control such a huge area in order to perform the self directed GMO pollination areas. It still hasn't been proven that this food is save for consumption to the general population. Small size farms should be allowed the air pollination space to give the public an another choice.

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