

Good afternoon, my name is Heidi Jimenez and I live in Hood River Oregon. I am in support of HB 4122 that requires labeling of genetically engineered fish.

As both a mom and a nurse I came here today to ask you, as our elected officials, to give Oregon moms the basic right to know what we are feeding our children and families.

I am a nurse and a mom who is very concerned about public health and I have no interest in either eating genetically engineered salmon or serving them to my son.

When I go to the store I want to be sure that the salmon I'm buying is real salmon, caught from the ocean or from the river and not something that was genetically engineered with an eel-like fish in a laboratory.

To me this is a very simple issue of consumer rights - why is the company ^{Aqua} Ocean Bounty so afraid to let consumers know what it is they're buying?

^{Aqua} Ocean Bounty says that the modified fish are safe and that they are the same as wild salmon but why not give Oregonians the right to decide for themselves.

There's no good argument that it would be a major burden to label GMO salmon and I can tell you, that I, like many other consumers will not be buying any salmon if we can't be sure that we are buying salmon that is not genetically engineered.

This may not be fair for Oregon's salmon fisherman, but it is easy to prevent if Oregon simply lets consumers know whether the fish they are buying is genetically engineered.

Thank you for your time.

From
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