

Dear Committee Member,

I am writing in support of HB 2739.

My name is

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I live in rural Talent in Jackson County and own property in Josephine County.

Please help protect the natural purity that makes Oregon such a great place to live.

I am afraid that we are about to be invaded by as yet unidentified or yet to exist organisms.

Currently there is no incentive on the part of creators of the means to create artificial organisms to responsibly use or police this technology, other than to protect their profits.

Any consequences for escaped life forms seems to be ultimately borne by the community affected, as some life forms seem to be impossible to remove from nature, no matter how much money is spent on eradication efforts.

James Clapper considers the newfound ability to "print" genes and create chimeras at home, to be a very serious threat to national security.

There is a reason for this. Please research this.

The inability to recall plants in the environment is a lesson well learned with naturally occurring invasive species. The potential for tragic consequences with synthetic life forms is almost beyond imaginable.

This bill simply asks that those who bring these experiments to life be responsible for cleaning up their creations if they cause problems with the natural world.

Thank you for your time.

Tom Hitchcock