

I'm writing in support of HB 2739, as I understand there will be a hearing on it tomorrow.

Please support HB 2739 to protect Oregon's farmers and agriculture. Over the past decade, repeated episodes of contamination by genetically engineered plants have cost U.S. farmers billions of dollars. Oregon farmers grow many high-value or specialty crops that are at significant risk of contamination by GMO crops. Creeping Bentgrass, a GMO grass, continues to spread in Malheur and Jefferson counties.

GMO crop contamination usually pits farmer against farmer. However, HB 2739 would hold patent holders, instead of farmers, responsible for contamination events.

Thank you,  
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