

HB 2739 Protect Oregon's Agriculture

Over the past decade, repeated episodes of contamination by genetically engineered plants have cost U.S. farmers billions of dollars. The Legislature needs to act to:

- Hold patent holders responsible for contamination events — not pit farmer against farmer.
- Protect high-value crops in Oregon, such as specialty seed, wheat and alfalfa, which have been put at significant risk by GE contamination.
- Protect communities from the unwanted presence of invasive GE weeds, such as Creeping Bentgrass, now de-regulated and spreading in Malheur and Jefferson counties.

Dear Committee:

I have been eating and drinking Organically Grown food and non-GMO food, for 40 years.

It is the growth area in food, but it is not corporate driven, but it is in competition with corporate-produced food companies, who have been trying to crush or devalue this movement.

Organically Grown is the only food some countries will accept from up our exports. Many countries have banned the U.S. GMO franken-foods.

Sincerely,
Fred Caruso, Ashland

They sell chemicals, antibiotics, and hormones to produce something outside of nature, FOR PROFIT ONLY. There is no other value to anyone, except shareholders in these companies. They