

Dear House Rules Committee,

Please support HB 2739. In order for the people, farms, Oregon and the USA to thrive, our food/health needs to be protected from GE contamination, from invasive GE weeds, and to hold patent holders liable for contamination of the planet, including their own lives.

Thank you,  
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### **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.