

As an Oregon voter, I urge you to support passage of HB 2739 to protect Oregon's farmers from economic damages due to GE contamination. Please send this bill to the House floor with a "do pass" recommendation.

Oregon farmers supporting their families by growing valuable non-GE crops (like organic seed), or landowners who have been infested by impossible-to-eradicate GE creeping bentgrass, should not bear the burden of contamination by GE crops, plants, and animals.

These forced mutations have really not been tested nearly enough to be thrust upon us; the "research" so far is highly questionable at best, with too much interference and direction by the corporations that stand to profit from favorable "conclusions". Once a genetically mutated substance is let loose into the environment, there is no turning back; natural species will be contaminated forever, the consequences unknown. Do you want to enable such a dangerous experiment like this?

HB 2739 would rightfully put the liability for economic damages due to GE contamination on the patent holder for the GE organism, not farmers, holding the Big Ag players who created and profited from these GE crops accountable.

Please protect Oregonians and rural economies by supporting this important bill.

Thank you,

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