

My name is Andrea Galloway. I am a cherry grower in eastern Oregon and a member of the Oregon Sweet Cherry Commission (OSCC). I am writing today to discuss my concerns with Senate Bill 1514.

OSCC exists for the benefit of all cherry growers and processors in the state of Oregon. It funds education, research, and marketing programs. The commission and its programs are self funded by those who benefit from its efforts. It pays all costs associated with oversight by DOJ and the Department of Agriculture. The Commission records are regularly audited by a Certified Public Accountant.

Proposed SB1514 would add costs and require a regular sunset review of the Commission.

As a cherry grower, the value I receive from OSCC will be diminished by the increased costs associated with this bill. As a Oregon Sweet Cherry Commissioner who strives to keep our costs low and provide value to the state's cherry industry I must explain why our costs increase without benefit.

I urge the Committee to either vote against this bill or exempt OSCC and other self funded commodity commissions from its application.