



## Oregon Farm Bureau asks for your support of HB 4068

Oregon Farm Bureau (OFB) requests your support for HB 4068. This bill reflects OFB policy passed by our grassroots in 2016 and is the result of a work group among members of the seed industry to expand grass seed production contract protections that are already on the books to all varieties of seed.

As background, the 2011 Legislature established uniform contracts, set payment schedules, and provided financial assurance to growers of grass seed. The payment terms specified in the 2011 law effectively became the terms of the contract if they were ambiguous, as was the case for many contracts. These protections were meant to help farmers collect timely payments for their crops.

### **HB 4068 expands those protections to all seed kinds:**

- It expands coverage of seed production or purchase contract laws to include all varieties of seed, as determined by the Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA).
- It provides an incentive for seed dealers to meet contract requirements. The bill gives ODA the authority to investigate and ultimately make the decision to suspend the dealer's license.

HB 4068 passed unanimously in the House, and OFB respectfully requests your support of the bill. HB 4068 will help ensure that growers receive timely payment for the production of "propriety seed."

**Please vote 'YES' on HB 4068**