



## Support Small Scale Processing on Farm: SUPPORT HB 2844

As farms around Oregon continue to diversify, the ability to vertically integrate operations becomes increasingly more critical. For many farmers, siting small-scale processing facilities on their farm can help support their farming operation and allow them to have some value-added production without having to pay outside processing costs. We urge you to support HB 2844 to allow small-scale processing on farms without costly permitting requirements.

- Presently, Oregon law allows for a farmer to site a processing facility up to 10,000 square feet on their farm, subject to county siting standards. In some counties, this siting standards review can be very expensive and take several months to complete.
- Oregon farmers who are looking to add small-scale processing on their farm should be able to site such processing without an expensive or time consuming siting process. This authority will benefit mint farmers, lavender farmers, hemp farmers and others who want to be able to start small with on-farm processing.
- Given the very small floor size allowed for small-scale processing under this bill, there is not a risk for the processing to “take over” the farm or have spill over impacts onto neighbors; allowing small-scale processing with out a site plan review is appropriate.
- The processing still needs to comply with all other applicable laws, including water rights, wastewater processing, etc.

We urge your support for HB 2844.

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