

Dear Chairman Holvey and committee members:

Please vote HB2882 out of committee with a "do pass" recommendation.

This legislation places responsibility for the products concerned with the "people (including corporations)" that profit for the pesticide technology. It is good that responsibility for any damage that is done by a product should rest with those that own and profit from that product. Letting the responsibility for any damage done by the technology rest with the farmers that use the technology, or worse, the others harmed by the technology in unconscionable, in my opinion. Please vote to make those that receive the benefit from the technology responsible for the negative impacts of that technology.

I am a small farmer in Rogue River and GMO technology can make my products virtually unsalable if the genetics involved contaminate my products (seeds). Saying that I can just sell the product as "conventional" rather than "organic" or "GMO free" is disingenuous in my opinion. The premium for the uncontaminated product is the only way that I can hope to receive a price above the production cost.

There is more to be said, but I just heard about the hearing today and the deadline is upon us. So, again, Please vote HB 2882 out of committee with a do pass recommendation.

Thank you.

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