

Dear Chair Holvey and Members of the Committee:

My name is Bernard S. Moore. I am an attorney practicing in Southern Oregon. I am writing to request your support for HB 2882.

As a lawyer, It boggles the mind why genetic contamination is not be treated the same any other form of trespass. In Oregon we already impose liability for pesticide drift, *Loe v. Lenhardt* 227 Or 242 (1961); fire that escapes from the land, *Koos v Roth* 293 Or 670 (1982); animals that escape from the land ORS 608.015; and flood water from negligent dam operation. *McKinley v. Owyhee Project N. Bd. of Control*, 103 Or. App. 253 (1990). The escape of genetic material should be treated in the same way. If it comes on to my property without my permission it is trespass. Period. Those who choose to farm without the use of genetically modified organisms should be free to do so without the threat of contamination or suit from the patent holder.

Oregon's 2013 GMO wheat scare should be proof enough that Farmers need protections from GE contamination. As you may recall, the GMO wheat that Monsanto claimed did not exist was found growing in eastern Oregon. Japan immediately banned importation of Oregon wheat costing our farmers millions. I strongly support legislation that calls for the regulation of GE crops in Oregon. . Please vote HB 2882 out of committee with a "do pass" recommendation. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Bernard S. Moore