

Submitter: Jacqueline Duyck Jones

On Behalf
Of:

Committee: House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and
Water

Measure: HB2487

Chair Helm, Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to briefly explain my opposition to HB 2487 to your committee.

Jacqueline Duyck Jones, 4th generation farmer and owner of Duyck Family Farm LLC with my Dad in Banks, Washington County.

We farm 400 acres of blackberries, blueberries, grass seed and other seed and grain crops.

There are many land use bills in our "backyard" but we passionately urge you to oppose HB 2487 and uphold the intended EFU and land use protections of agriculture lands in ALL of Oregon.

People who buy farmland in Oregon should not be surprised to learn that the activities allowed on this finite resource must be related to farming.

Farmers whose primary goal is to farm --to feed Oregonians and the world -- compete for farmland with every new non-farm use. This results in increased costs and conflicts.

Allowing weddings and events on EFU land not only causes conflicts but various disruptions and safety issues as well. This bill would also take away from the business owners who have invested the money and time in setting up facilities in the properly zoned areas.

We ask that you protect the EFU zone for what it is intended to be: Exclusive Farm Use.

Please, do not hurt Oregon agriculture.

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