

Submitter: Anne Krahmer-Steinkamp

On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Revenue

Measure: HB2142

Dear Chair and Members of House Committee on Revenue,

My name is Anne Krahmer-Steinkamp. I am a 6th generation farmer here in Oregon, farming with my father, brother and husband. We grow about 500 acres of blueberries for fresh and frozen markets both domestic and for export.

Our farm markets about 30% to 45% of our blueberries to the fresh market, that leaves 55% to 70% of our blueberry crop going to the frozen (processor) market. In the current CAT tax we get taxed on all processed fruit regardless of its sales location.

I support HB 2142 adding the wording of "processors" as a fix to the current CAT tax. I support the wording as it makes farmers and ranchers eligible to receive a resale certificate based on out of state resale and help accurately determine their Oregon tax liability.

Thank you,

Anne Krahmer-Steinkamp