

Oregon State Legislators,

My name is Tal Singh and we are a small certified organic farm in the Willamette valley. Our goal is to grow organically while preserving the health of the soil. The organic certification process is a costly and time-consuming process and added burden that conventional farmers do not have. It takes lots of resources and time to maintain the rigorous organic practices and compliance. It adds extra financial burden on a small farm like ours when we can use every penny to purchase seeds, fertilizers, material or on labor.

Programs like cost share reimbursement can help farmers sustain their business when costs of all the inputs into a farm operation are skyrocketing. It will be very beneficial if there is a state level cost share reimbursement program enacted to help organic farmers. Any reimbursement funds will be used directly to offset the certification cost that we pay out of pocket.

We appreciate your time and consideration. Please support SB 1058 -2

Sincerely,

Tal Singh

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