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On Behalf Of: People who need or like affordable nourishment.
Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources and
Wildfire
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB747

Chair Golden, Vice–Chair Nash, and Members of the Senate Natural Resources and Wildfire Committee

I almost registered my testimony under the category "neutral". In the end, I decided that might fail to nudge this bill in the direction that it needs to go for the benefit of we humans.

This is all of us: We like and need to eat. We need food that is affordable.

My experience: In just the past few years, my cost to purchase the same items that I routinely purchase has increased dramatically. Collectively, "we" are on a bad trajectory here. Therefore, I oppose this bill.

In testimony that appears to be largely cut-and-paste, proponents claim that "... (SB747) is not an enforcement or penalty bill". Au contraire. I have to wonder if those people have even read the text of the 2-page bill as introduced. The text is available here:

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2025R1/Downloads/MeasureDocument/SB747/Introduced> .

It provides for civil penalty "not to exceed \$10,000" per violation.

"Not an enforcement or penalty bill"? Spare me. I think you should ask- "Who provided the "boilerplate" used by many proponents? Why?" Perhaps they have valid concerns. Regardless of that, I urge you to take great care NOT to take action that will drive the cost of food even higher.

Please- either kill this bill in Committee, or at least actually HEAR and adopt any amendments that may be proposed to provide public benefit with little or no headache or cost to the people that utilize fertilizers to produce food and other important/essential products.

Thank you.

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