

TO: Joint Committee on Tax Expenditures
FROM:[Insert Your information here]
RE: SB 120
DATE:June 10, 2025

Co-Chair Meek, Co-Chair Nathanson, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Julia Wentzel, and I am submitting this testimony in strong support of Section 2 of the Proposed Amendments to SB 120, a provision to extend and enhance Oregon's Crop Donation Tax Credit.

I manage the Tillamook branch of Oregon Food Bank, where we rely on donations from local farmers to provide fresh produce to food insecure members of our community. The Crop Donation Tax Credit allows farmers to donate large volumes of food because they are able to recoup their expenses. It reduces food waste and gets fresh food into the hands of people who need it most. We are seeing unprecedented levels of hunger at a time when our federal funding has been all but eliminated. To put it plainly: we need more food.

The Crop Donation Tax Credit (Section 2 of the Proposed Amendments to SB 102) has been invaluable in encouraging farmers to donate surplus and marketable produce to food banks and hunger relief organizations like ours. By extending and expanding this program, the state will help ensure that nutritious, locally grown food continues to reach the families and individuals who need it most. This credit supports our mission and provides financial relief to Oregon farmers who generously contribute to hunger relief efforts.

As food insecurity remains stubbornly high across our state, we urge you to support the inclusion of this tax credit in SB 120. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Julia Wentzel