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Family Farmers ask you to OPPOSE HB 4153A Say *NO* to attack on Oregon's Farmland

HB 4153A will create additional bureaucracy and confusion for small farms by creating a two-tier system with farm stands and "farm stores" with two different mechanisms on determining eligibility. Oregon should be simplifying access to new revenue sources for small family farmers – not creating more confusion.

HB 4153A sets a dangerous precedent of allowing unlimited events on Exclusive Farm Use and Farm and Forest zoned land all while removing a vitally important "Good Neighbor Test" for agritourism. *These changes will make it harder for farmers to farm and instead spend more time navigating traffic and influxes of people.*

House Bill 4153A is rushed and consequences will be long-term. Changes likely needed in the future to resolve confusion and protect small farmers likely will trigger Ballot Measure 56 (1998) property notifications. It is estimated that triggering these notification provisions could cost nearly \$1 million to send notices to property owners.

We urge you to say NO to opening the door for huge developments on Oregon's pristine forest and farmland.

