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I would like to express my support For HB 4153 it seems designed to protect farm stands, agritourism, and small farms by modernizing outdated and unclear land-use laws.

For many smaller farms, their seasonal revenues like workshops, dinners, concerts, hayrides, kids activities, classes, and field trips provide much needed financial support as well as public support and visibility. This critical for these types of farms and the current land-use laws clearly did not anticipate the eventuality of the popularity and economic importance to the public and to the farms. The income limits presently imposed impede creativity and economic stability for small farms. With Oregon's rainy weather and warmer summers, it provides farms the ability to use temporary and permanent buildings to serve their guests and improve their safety. It is a common sense approach that benefits not only existing small farms, but newer farms as well...Oregon has a long heritage of great, fresh food being widely available. This bill will encourage that heritage.