

Submitter: Julia Phillips
On Behalf Of: self
Committee: House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural
Resources, and Water
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4153

Co-Chairs Helm and Owens, Vice-Chair Finger McDonald, and members of the House Committee on Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water:

I am Julia Phillips and am a resident of Gold Beach/Curry County. I am strongly opposed to HB 4153. Access to farm-fresh food in this lightly populated areas is a challenge, to say the least. Farm stands are a vital part of connecting the public with our food system and building an understanding of what it takes to go from field to fork. HB 4153 would restrict who is allowed to have a farm stand, replace current definitions with Farm Stores, and give large land owners privileges at the expense of small farm stands in Oregon. It would almost certainly put all of the small farm stands in our corner of Oregon - all of Curry County and most if not all of Coos County out of business, thus eliminating my access and that of nearly all of the population (except those without their own garden) to top quality fresh produce. Given the economic challenges facing this area, not to mention the relative lack of alternative garden-fresh food choices, this will be an economic as well as a nutritional hardship. Please consider the ENTIRE state and do not inflict this additional regulation on our little area.

Thank you for your consideration,

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