

Submitter: Julia Bott

On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural
Resources, and Water

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4153

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

My Name is Julia Bott and I live in Brookings. I am writing to you today to express my opposition to HB 4153.

I do not understand how this bill is a solution to ensuring local agritourism, providing access to fresh, locally grown food, or supporting small family run businesses. Both farm stands, and larger farm stores, 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. But HB 4153 seems to restrict who is allowed to have a farm stand, replace current definitions with Farm Stores, and give large landowners privileges at the expense of small farm stands in Oregon.

We need to find a solution that fits the many sized farms in our communities.

Please do not place a higher burden on the smallest farms. This bill takes away opportunities from small land holders and farms in order for larger operations to be able to host more events. This is not a good bargain for Oregon, and a better deal must be found.

Thank you,
Julia Bott
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