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On Behalf Of:

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

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4153

I urge you to pass HB 4153 to support small farms in Oregon. I've visited and worked at small farms there and recognize that they need help to remain strong and vital. The HB 4153 removes income restrictions that hamper small farm's ability to have a diverse income from School Field Trips, food items, and admission. Giving the farms the ability to have temporary structures such as tents provides comfort for the public on rainy or hot, sunny days.

HB 4153 has attributes that ensures farms remain farming - for example it requires half of the property to remain in farming. By allowing farmers to do more with their land in conjunction with their farming operation it protects both the farmers and the farmland. Furthermore, I support this bill because it supports our local communities. This bill still gives counties the authority over traffic management, parking plans, and noise. We are asking the land-use rules to be updated from their 1970's version to a more modern version. This new bill will help the rules to be consistent across all the counties.

Please vote yes on HB 4153.

Kathy Pike