

To: Members of the Oregon Legislative Assembly
From: Chet Orloff, Historian and Planner
Date: February 3, 2026
Re: **HB4153**

Dear Sirs and Mesdames:

I am writing regarding--***neither in support of nor opposition to-- Oregon Legislative Assembly House Bill 4153***. I strongly support strong land use, small as well as large farms and ranches, farm stands, and agricultural supplies in Oregon. I believe, however, that current legislation (including HB4153) requires updating, to meet updated economic conditions. And this work needs to be done at the county level, where much of Oregon's economic activity is done. And it deserves to be done at a regular, not a special or even-year, session of the legislature

HB4153 address large issues, as the various messages in support of and opposition to this legislation attest. I encourage the Legislative Assembly and county commissions to get back to work on this matter. Indeed, NOW is the time, again, to ask Oregonians *what it is that we believe in*.

This brief note is a short answer to a question that deserves much more thought and attention. Thank you.

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