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**Senate Bill 1541**

**February 5, 2026**

Chair Golden, Vice-Chair Nash, Committee Members:

Oregon Farm Bureau proudly represents more than 6,500 family farms and ranches across the state. Our members produce over 220 agricultural commodities that supply the food, fiber, and essential products found in grocery stores, local markets, and communities throughout Oregon and the world.

Today, our agricultural and natural resource industries are already navigating significant challenges, including increasing regulatory burdens, inflation, labor shortages, and rising input costs. These pressures are pushing many producers to the edge. Oregon cannot continue to place additional financial strain on the backs of farmers and ranchers who are already working hard to remain viable.

It is also important to recognize that Oregon's agriculture and natural resource industries are already an active part of the climate solution. Through voluntary conservation practices, stewardship, and innovation, producers have made significant investments in efficiency, reduced fuel use, soil health, and responsible land management – often without mandates, and often at their own expense.

**Agriculture, forestry, transportation, and manufacturing are not optional industries. They are foundational to Oregon's economy and especially critical to rural communities.**

Farmers, ranchers, and resource-based businesses depend on affordable and reliable energy to operate equipment, irrigate crops, transport goods, and process food and fiber. They cannot absorb additional cost increases without serious ripple effects throughout the supply chain. Ultimately, proposals like SB 1541 risk increasing food prices and raising consumer costs for all Oregonians.

A healthy and resilient Oregon cannot be achieved by continually burdening rural communities with increasing fees, taxes, and regulations that make it harder to produce food, fiber, and forest products here at home.

Oregon Farm Bureau urges your opposition to SB 1541.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'LK' with a stylized flourish.

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