

Submitter: Gail Dawn
On Behalf Of: Small vegetable growing operations
Committee: House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4153

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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 Gail Dawn and I am currently feeding my family on our 4 acre parcel with a one acre garden and one acre orchard. Previously my husband and I operated a large farmers market both in Colorado and South Dakota where we supported our family on organically raised produce sold at farmers markets.

I am writing to you today to express my opposition to HB 4153. 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. But HB 4153 would 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 better solution that continues to consider small producers.

We are asking you not to place a higher burden on the smallest farms. This bill takes away opportunities from small land holders.

Thank you,
Gail Dawn