

Submitter: Lisa Hawthorne

On Behalf Of:

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

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4153

My Name is Lisa Hawthorne, and I am a community member of Coos County, Oregon. 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 land owners privileges at the expense of small farm stands in Oregon. We need to find a better solution.

I frequent small farm stands in our area, and take great joy in supporting members of our community, along with the benefits of such beautiful produce. Please don't let this be taken away from us. As a small business myself, it's difficult enough to survive, let's not make it even harder on our small 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.

Sincerely,

Lisa Hawthorne

Resident of Coos County