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Much of HB 4153 is fine. Farm stands should provide local fruits, vegetables and meat. They should not be amusement parks gobbling up farm land.

However, HB 4153's acreage requirements are unrealistic and would prevent virtually any existing farm in Clatsop County from qualifying. Farms in Clatsop County are small – I own two – a 30-acre and a 45-acre, neither of which would qualify for a farm stand under HB 4153.

For example, Blackberry Bog Farm currently has the only licensed farm stand in Clatsop County. They own three farms in Clatsop County and are planning to move their farm stand to their newest farm (just purchased last year). Under HB 4153, none of their farms would qualify for a farm stand. Their retail farm stand currently serves thousands of people with competitively priced fresh, local food, as well as providing a significant number of local jobs.

Farm stands sell local fruits, vegetables and meat directly to the public. The best food security is locally produced food.

Please work to revise HB 4153 to make it a good bill, rather than a farm stand killer.

Thank you.

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