

Submitter: Elizabeth Taylor  
On Behalf Of:  
Committee: House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water  
Measure, Appointment or HB4153  
Topic:

I oppose HB 4153. Many small farms in my locality will have to stop operations based on your size and income eligibility rules. This bill will create unnecessary challenges for new, legitimate small farm owners trying to establish themselves. From what I read, behavior-based rules would be far more effective in rooting out bad actors and illegitimate land use. In addition, small farms and locally grown food are especially important in rural areas of the state that have poor road infrastructure, and winter weather that impedes outside access. Local farms strengthen our local food systems. I vote NO to this bill