

I am opposed to HB 4153-small farmers are the backbone of our country-keep the conglomerates out.

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. The regressive nature of this bill gives preferential treatment to large landholders and corporate conglomerate “farms” to encourage mixed use of their farmland and aims to punish the owners of smaller acreage by making it illegal to sell their produce at their own property. At a time when the average Oregonian is feeling their budget squeezed tighter than ever this bill aims to take away their right to try to earn an extra buck and your right to choose. We should be propping up and supporting the smaller farmers. And this bill sacrifices the many small farmers across Oregon for the benefit of the few. And for that reason I strongly oppose HB 4153.

Also after reading many of the testimonials especially in favor of this bill I believe the public has been misinformed on what this bill will actually do. There must be a better solution if a solution is actually needed.

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