

Submitter: Kristina Adams
On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4153
Subject: Opposition to HB 4153 – Protect Small Farmstands

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 Kristina Adams, and I am a community member in Bandon, Oregon. I am writing to express my strong opposition to HB 4153.

My family regularly relies on small, local farmstands for fresh produce throughout the year, and several of the farms we support would not be able to legally operate under the acreage or sales requirements proposed in this bill. These are small, community-based farms—not agritourism operations—and their farmstands are essential to both farm viability and local food access.

HB 4153 places a higher burden on the smallest farms while granting greater privileges to large landowners. Farm size should not determine whether a farm is allowed to sell its own products directly to the community. Small farms play a vital role in Oregon's food system, and eliminating their farmstands would weaken local food security and community connection.

I urge you to oppose HB 4153 and work toward a more inclusive solution that supports farmers of all sizes and protects Oregon's small, homegrown farmstands.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Kristina Adams
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