



**Senate Committee on Natural Resources & Wildfire
February 26, 2026 – HB 4065**

Chair Golden, Vice-Chair Nash, and members of the committee,

Oregon Farm Bureau is the state’s most inclusive agriculture organization, proudly representing more than 6,500 family farms and ranches that produce more than 220 agricultural commodities. From hops and hazelnuts to cattle, cranberries, and timber with operations spanning from just a few acres to thousands, our members utilize all farming methods including organic, conventional, regenerative, biotech, and even no-tech.

Oregon’s seed industry depends on clear contracts and reliable, timely payment. When payment is delayed, the financial strain falls on producers and seed growers who have already carried the costs of production, harvest, storage, and delivery. HB 4065 aims to strengthen the tools available when a seed dealer fails to pay when payment is due under a seed production contract or seed purchase contract.

Oregon Farm Bureau supports protection for amounts owed and growers being paid no later than 30 days from shipment, with protections that apply broadly across seed types. The bill requires delinquent payment plus interest, setting a clear 30-day cure period after notice, and requiring documentation to verify that payment has been made. These steps help ensure the remedy is meaningful and enforceable, and they reduce uncertainty for producers trying to resolve nonpayment disputes.

It's important for strong compliance expectations in the seed trade and including consequences when dealers do not follow the rules. The bill’s license suspension mechanism, triggered by a continued failure to cure delinquent payments, reinforces that expectation and promotes fairness across the marketplace.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "LK", is written over a faint, light-colored signature line.

Lauren Kuenzi

Director, Government & Political Affairs