

GINNY BURDICK SENATE MAJORITY LEADER

DATE: February 5, 2019

TO: Honorable Senator Dembrow, Chair Senate Environment and Natural Resources Committee

FROM: Senate Majority Leader Ginny Burdick

SUBJECT: Senate Bill 241

Chair Dembrow and Members of the Committee, for the record, my name is Ginny Burdick. I represent the people of Senate District 18, which includes the city of Tigard and portions of West Portland.

I'm here today to discuss Senate Bill 241. This bill extends the sunset on a crop donation tax credit. It also increases the percentage of wholesale prices that would be allowed to determine the amount of the tax credit. These credits are crucial in supporting farmers who donate crops to those in need.

Organizations, such as the Oregon Food Bank, rely on these crop donations to help feed many families experiencing hardship. As these organizations continue increasing their goals for distributing fresh produce, we must continue supporting efforts to reduce hunger in our state.

I strongly urge your support for Senate Bill 241.

STATE SENATOR, DISTRICT 18