Chair Clem and members of the Committee,

I'm Clair Klock from Corbett, OR. I am a retired farmer from Klock Farm and semi-retired conservation specialist from Clackamas Soil and Water Conservation district. I urge your support of HB2579 for the following reasons:

- 1. It provide hands on experience to elementary and secondary school age individuals. This experience is often past down to parents.
- 2. It support local agricultural operations and economy.
- 3. The conservation district goals include this type education and agricultural support activities
- 4. I'm not going into specific examples or depth on the subject as conservation and educational organizations have already done so or will submitted those reasons at the committee hearing.

Thank you for your attention,

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