

Greetings House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources,

This is a letter of support for the following Bills:

HB 3085

HB 3090

HB 3091

These bills directly impact my family as I am a beginner farmer who is trying to make a small family farm business work. I come into farming with a large student loan burden as I completed my Masters Degree and it is through that work that I became passionate about supporting a local, vibrant and healthy food system. HB 3090 would help pave the road for reducing the barrier of my loan burden in my farming path. I recognize how important our small farm economy is for the health of our community. My husband and I are trying to farm as a career path but we have no capital to invest in land. HB 3085 and HB 3091 would greatly impact our ability to access loans which would make our business viable. Without the changes and support HB 3085, HB 3090 and HB 3091 can offer my husband and we may have to face the hard decision of leaving our small farm work to seek out positions which better support our family. This would eliminate two young farmers from the small farm economy in Oregon. We aspire to contribute to our local food economy for many years to come. We need your help to do this.

Thank you for recognizing how important these bills are and voting to support small farmers in Oregon.

Warm regards,

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