

Dear Chair Holvey and Members of the Committee:

My name is Vanessa Renwick I am a consumer of delicious organic food in Portland and other places in Oregon. I am writing to request your support for HB 2882.

I buy organic food and am happy to pay the cost. My health has improved, hence lower doctor bills, and I am sure the farmworkers who are not surrounded by pesticides are healthier as well. See current lawsuits that Monsanto is losing about roundup.

And the dirt is happier, the bugs, the micro organisms, and the earth!

HB 2882 was written to create patent holder or manufacturer liability for genetically engineered (GE) contamination events in Oregon. Over the past decade, GE contamination events, and threats of contamination, have cost U.S. farmers billions of dollars—including Oregon farmers—in rejected sales, lost exports, and closed agricultural markets.

Oregon is one of the top 5 seed growing regions in the world. The specialty seed industry is valued at \$400 million and the vegetable specialty seed contained within that is worth \$50 million annually. Actual and potential GE contamination threatens this industry.

Oregon farmers lack protections from GE contamination because Oregon does not regulate GE crops. Further, with the exception of Jackson County, all Oregon counties are preempted from making decisions regarding seed cultivation in their jurisdictions, leaving a large regulatory gap.

While I ultimately want to see patent holders and manufacturers held responsible for GE pollen drift contamination so farmers aren't pitted against farmers, I support legislation that calls for the regulation of GE crops in Oregon.

**BIG TIME! This drift needs to be regulated and controlled.**

**Thank you** for the consideration and for your service.

in kind regards,

Vanessa Renwick  
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