

Dear Chair Helm, Vice-Chairs Hartman and Owens, and members of the committee,

It is time to revisit and upgrade our outdated raw milk laws.

My name is Amanda Canham and I'm writing to you in support of [HB 2616](#). I am an Oregon young farmer who is starting a farm business in raw milk and raw dairy products. Due to Oregon's current laws governing the sale and processing of raw milk, I am seeking farmland outside of the state. It is a sad reality that my love (raw cheese) and my chosen homeland (Oregon) cannot exist in the same place.

I urge your support for HB 2616.

If passed, HB 2616 will ensure that Oregon producers are able to meet the growing demands for raw milk in our state safely and effectively. For licensed dairies, raw cow's milk is currently off the table. Oregon allows the retail sale of raw milk from sheep and goats, but not from cows. It's time to fix this discrepancy. If passed, this legislation will give small cow dairies new possibilities to grow, expand their business and reach more consumers in this growing industry.

Oregon's raw milk policies are out of date and it's time for a change. This legislation will raise the raw milk standards in Oregon and ensure better transparency, access and accountability across the board.

Thank you for your time
and
For considering the next generation
of
Oregon Farmers,

Amanda Canham