

Submitter: Mindy Stone
On Behalf Of: myself
Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources
Measure: SB789

To: Senate Natural Resources Committee

Re: Support of SB 789

Dear Chair member Golden, Vice Chair Girod, and members of the Committee on Natural Resources,

My name is Mindy Stone and I live in Eugene, Oregon.

I moved to Oregon in 2008 to be close to my locally sourced, high quality, organic and/or regenerative farms. I eat seasonally and I grow some of my own vegetables.

I am very concerned about the canola/Rapeseed industry that seems to have taken hold here in Oregon. I do not eat any canola or Rapeseed oils because they are highly inflammatory in the body. Canola is mass produced for the oil and highly processed food industry. Growing canola here in Oregon is a danger to our organic and other brassica seed supply. An increase of canola acreage could have detrimental effects on the brassica seed/food industry.

The cross-contamination of canola/Rapeseed cross-contamination and pests that come with it will have a detrimental impact on the high quality seeds we grow for the world seed market. This would be a horrible loss to our economy.

Please stand up for our small scale-family farms and especially the seed industry here in Oregon.

SB789 is a great bill to extend the current policy to enshrine the current protections in state law.

PLEASE vote YES on SB 789. Thank you.