

I support bill SB789. Most of the canola grown in the US and Canada is genetically modified. Canola is a brassica plant and can cross with other brassicas such as kale, cabbage, brussel sprouts, broccoli, and cauliflower.

Over 90% of some brassica seed varieties are grown in the Willamette Valley.

Allowing an an increase of canola acreage in the Willamette Valley will cause these crops to become genetically modified as well, causing irreversible damage to the unique attributes of the Willamette Valley's specialty seed production ability and the industry built up around it.

The current cap on canola production will expire in June. SB789 would make the current cap on canola production permanent and protect this vital industry and Oregon's small farm seed stewards.