

Chair Golden and members of the Senate Committee on Natural Resources

My name is Dana Estensen and I am a farmer in Oregon. I am opposed to SB 85.

Oregon's family-owned farms and ranches are a vital part of our communities, and provide healthy, locally sourced food to thousands of families. SB 85 will put Oregon farmers and ranchers at a competitive disadvantage and drive-up food production costs for Oregon farmers and ranchers. As a result, food costs will be even higher for consumers.

The current CAFO permitting process (new as well as renewals) is one of the most robust regulatory programs in the country. Both animal welfare and the environment are protected by the current CAFO regulations. Our CAFOs in Oregon already have to meet very high standards.

Please don't put additional, unnecessary burdens on our Oregon farmers and ranchers.

Please oppose SB 85. Thank you.