



April 18, 2023

House Rules Committee

Re: HB 3568 Opposition

Chair Fahey, Vice-Chairs Breese-Iverson and Kropf, and Members of the Committee,

The Oregon Dairy Farmers Association is the voice for Grade A licensed dairy farms around our state. Our producers are family farmers who support some of our state's most well-known and beloved brands and provide safe, nutritional dairy products to our homes, schools, restaurants and beyond. We represent small dairies, large dairies, organic and traditional producers and other industry partners.

The Oregon dairy industry is under incredible pressure from high feed costs, increased regulations, labor and CAT expenses, and limits on processing, shipping, distribution and retail. Undoubtedly, adding new regulations to a supply chain that already requires some of the nation's strongest safety and worker protection requirements and compliance costs will likely mean less in the pockets of our family farms.

Further, HB 3568 may have unintended consequences for a wide range of operations and their related industries, supply chain and contractors. With this bill being introduced just recently, we still aren't clear how the definitions of contractors or the impacts on warehouses for cold storage, food products and other supplies may be impacted by this bill. We respectfully oppose this bill and urge your "no" vote.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tami Kerr". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Tami Kerr, Executive Director
Oregon Dairy Farmers Association