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To correct my last submission, I oppose a ban and support canola coexistence.

I support removing restrictions on Canola production within the Willamette Valley assuming the state implements a pinning map to protect both the specialty seed industry and the new developing canola industry. The grass seed growers need a large acre broadleaf crop alternative for rotation purposes to maintain the high quality standards the grass seed industry requires. We currently do not have a broadleaf species that allows for enough acres of grass seed to be removed from production in a given year to help clean ground and alleviate oversupplies. I believe the opportunities created by canola production that is well managed will provide timely relief for overburdened grass seed markets.