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Water

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I'm in support of most of HB 4059-7 amendments. I want to thank Chairman Helm and other committee members for taking the leadership and coming up with true coexistence measures.

HB 4059-7 creates a equal opportunity for all crops and farmers to coexist in the valley and allow farmers desperately needed options to stay viable in the changing marketplace that grass seed producers find themselves in.

The one part that is negative in the bill is the limited acres of GE canola. With the well thought out approach with the isolation requirements will limit those acres anyhow.

Treating GE different the traditional bred crops is not backed in science and is terrible policy that will start a slippery slope that will negatively hurt the great state of Oregon in the future. There's many other protections in the bill a cap on ge is not needed. One option I see is to make a 4 or 5 year sunset and review of just the 500 acre limit and if there's no issues then remove it from statute

In ending please pass this bill, canola is the only crop on my 5th generation farm that didn't loose money in 2023 and we need to expand the acres to develop local markets for Oregonians.