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On Behalf Of: SweetWell Farm
Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources and Wildfire
Measure: HB4059

Chair Golden, Vice-chair Girod, and members of the committee,
My name is Lise Hubbe, and I am writing in support of HB4059-A. I am in my 25th cropping season on our family's 62 acre farm southeast of Scio. I do my farming with workhorses. We have over the years made hay, grown vegetables, milked cows, tended layers and broilers and hogs- providing feed and bedding for our own animals, and selling meat, milk, eggs and produce to local families in our area and from Eugene to Portland. In 2021, we became certified organic by Oregon Tilth, in order to accept a vegetable seed growing contract for Adaptive Seeds in Sweet Home. We have grown seed crops for them each year since. This has become a key component of our farming operation, as I narrow my market crop focus to vegetable and vegetable seed production. Growing seed crops enables me to generate a worthwhile financial return on my labors. Being among the community of seed growers producing seed which enables small farmers and home-scale gardeners to grow a wide-variety of locally selected species to feed the people of our region -and beyond- is a very meaningful occupation and livelihood for me. I urge you to support HB4059-A, and to listen to the specialty seed growers during future discussions on this very important issue going forward.

Thank you for your time and energy on this work.

With best regards,

Lise Hubbe
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