

Enrolled House Bill 3141

Sponsored by Representative BREESE-IVERSON; Representatives BOICE, DRAZAN, EDWARDS, HARBICK, LEVY B, LEWIS, NELSON, OSBORNE, OWENS, RESCHKE, SCHARF, WRIGHT, Senators GOLDEN, NASH, PATTERSON, SMITH DB (Presession filed.)

CHAPTER

AN ACT

Relating to Oregon Farmer and Rancher Day; and declaring an emergency.

Whereas from the fertile Willamette Valley to the rolling hills of Eastern Oregon, farmers and ranchers are the heart and soul of agriculture in Oregon; and

Whereas rain or shine, drought or frost, Oregon's hardworking farmers and ranchers rise to the challenge, shepherding the land, the livestock and the natural resources in their charge to provide the food, fiber and fuel that Oregonians, and indeed all Americans, rely on every single day; and

Whereas Oregon farmers and ranchers remain optimistic, innovative and adaptable in an unpredictable, ever-changing world, using climate-smart agricultural practices to increase sustainability, protect and conserve natural resources and ensure that the soil they toil in will be healthy, fertile and ripe with possibility for the future; and

Whereas Oregon farmers and ranchers' unparalleled pride for their product has elevated the status of this state's great agricultural products across the country and around the globe, and that commitment to quality leads consumers throughout the United States and beyond to seek out Oregon-grown blackberries, blueberries, hazelnuts, peppermint, cranberries, rhubarb, grass seed and countless other crops; and

Whereas Oregon's agricultural industry is truly homegrown, with 96 percent of the more than 35,000 farms and ranches in Oregon being family-owned and operated, 1,247 of which have remained in the same family for over a century and 47 of which have been in operation for 150 years or more; and

Whereas Oregon's farmers and ranchers are business owners, marketers, agronomists, climate scientists, mechanics, breeding specialists, pest experts, purchasing officers, market forecasters, water administrators, accountants, human resources leads, risk analysts, partners, parents and leaders in their communities; and

Whereas Oregon's farmers and ranchers are an indispensable part of the fabric that binds together the people of the State of Oregon; now, therefore,

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. The third Tuesday of March of each year is designated as Oregon Farmer and Rancher Day.

SECTION 2. This 2025 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2025 Act takes effect on its passage.

Passed by House March 11, 2025

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Timothy G. Sekerak, Chief Clerk of House

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Julie Fahey, Speaker of House

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Rob Wagner, President of Senate

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Tobias Read, Secretary of State