

Submitter: Valerie Rocco

On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2979

Dear Co-Chair Helm, Co-Chair Owens, and members of the House Committee on Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Wildfire:

My name is Valerie Rocco. I'm the owner of Brice Creek Croft in Dorena, Oregon. We grow one acre of fruit and vegetable crops for local farmers markets, and homestead-scale livestock for personal use.

We have noticed increasing amounts of hot and dry weather in our area during our growing season. We have been affected significantly from the increasing duration of the dry season and smoke from local wildfires. Other impacts include deteriorating air quality, farmers market access, extended power outages, and ground water reserves.

We received a Farmer and Rancher Disaster Resilience grant for water catchment tanks and mulch materials.

This funding has been so valuable because it has allowed us to be prepared for extended power outages due to fire conditions during the summer and early fall.

Please support HB 2979 to renew funding for this valuable program.

Thank you,

Valerie Rocco  
Brice Creek Croft  
Dorena, Oregon