

Submitter: Olivia Bolles

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 Olivia Bolles. My husband and I own and operate Y Knot Farm + Ranch (Y KNOT MEAT LLC) in Roseburg. We raise pastured poultry and pork for our community here in Douglas County.

We have very hot and dry summers that are only getting hotter and drier. We received a Farmer and Rancher Disaster Resilience grant for improving our soil health through our pastured poultry, to improve our pastures' water retention.

This funding has been so valuable because without it, it would have taken so many more years (which frankly, we do not have in this current day and age) to reach this level of water retention. We have already seen a huge difference in one season, lessening our need for as much irrigation, and greatly reducing our fire risk. For a small farm like ours this made all the difference.

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

Thank you,

Olivia Bolles  
Y Knot Meat LLC  
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