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I have been involved in Oregon production agriculture for almost 30 years, with most of that time spent as crop consultant or agronomist. Providing adequate nutrition and fertility to crops is essential for growers to remain economically viable. Determining proper amount of fertility needed is based on many factors, including soil type, crop stage, weather and climate, yield expectations, pest and disease pressures, and many other factors. I am concerned that regulating fertility through legislation could limit growers ability to maximize their yield and economic return, take away options to use fertility to promote plant vigor, and restrict the grower and crop consultants freedom to customize fertility recommendation based on all factors involved. It has been my experience that most growers understand the financial implications of buying fertilizer, and most fertilizer retailers understand the implications of overselling to growers, so I have observed very few incidents of over fertilizing. I hope the legislature will consider the negative impacts this law will have on our farming community.