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On Behalf Of:

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Writing in opposition to this bill.

Strong opposition.

There is no need or want to spend time and money on a group of people, with no real working agricultural experience, who will make decisions in a line of work for which they are vastly uninformed. There are already many many rules that regulate this industry as it is. I am honestly shocked at how many bills are on the agenda this year that specifically targeting agriculture in Oregon. As if people are forgetting where food comes from and that if you want to 'buy local' you have to support local businesses administratively as well, not just at the Farmer's Market. We're going to legislate farmers right out of the state.

Please spend our money wisely. Not on yet another subsidized group of state paid desk jockeys making rules. We are not at a point in Oregon's economics that we can afford create groups of rule makers to spend money on. Last I heard from the governor's office, we were facing a budgetary shortfall as it is with a growing fear of cutting fundamental programs throughout the state. Now is not the time to find ways to spend more money we don't have.