

Submitter: Michelle Week

On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Finance and Revenue

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB108

TO: Senate Committee on Finance and Revenue

FROM: Michelle Week, Troutdale Oregon

RE: SB 108

DATE: March, 12th, 2025

Chair Nathanson, Vice-Chair Reschke, Vice-Chair Walters, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Michelle Week, and I am submitting this testimony on behalf of my business, Good Rain Farm, in strong support of SB 108, which seeks to extend and enhance Oregon's Crop Donation Tax Credit. Good Rain Farm is a specialty crop producer supplying directly to customers via CSA, Farmer's Markets, a Farm Stand as well as wholesale to schools, local grocers and restaurants. Our mission is to supply culturally relevant Native American foods, support and strengthen regional food resilience and sovereignty. We believe food is a human right and do all that we can to ensure our community can access healthy nutritious foods by providing sliding scale pricing, payment plans, accepting SNAP and coordinating a scholarship program to supply free food to those in need within our community.

The Crop Donation Tax Credit has been critical to my organization because it offers financial relief for all that we do to operate a non-capitalistic business, we aim to be financially soluble but not to earn excessive profit at the expense of our community members who are hungry and in need and deserving of quality, nutritious, local produce.

However, without this critical tax cut, it will be harder for farmers to make these valuable donations to help alleviate hunger.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Michelle Week, Good Rain Farm