

Testimony on HB2548:

I am opposed to this bill due to the impact it will have on agriculture and food production in Oregon. Even though I am an urban person, I recognize that farmers are increasingly being squeezed out of their livelihoods due to the increased costs they are being asked to take on. And yet many, if not all, of these costs cannot be passed on to generate revenue to make the increased costs a zero sum. Farmers' income is basically controlled by the packing houses and distributors. Do not add to the financial burden of Oregon farmers with this bill who are already struggling to keep family farms in business.