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I am writing in support of HB 3372. This bill would allow small farmers to utilize well water for their crops. Odonata Farm in Tillamook County was the only organic grower selling produce at our local Pacific City Farmers Market. They conscientiously grew a range of wonderful vegetable crops in their greenhouse and field. They have been unable to grow and sell at the PCFM for the past two seasons since OWRD informed them they could not legally use their well water to grow their commercial crops. Personally, I do not understand why a homeowner is allowed to use well water for a non-environmentally-friendly lawn but small farmers are not allowed to use their wells to grow healthy food.

Adoption of the HB 3372 will support our local growers such as Odonata Farm to resume farming to produce locally grown, quality fresh foods for our community; and likewise for other small farmers in Oregon. Locally grown food is fresher/has more vitamins, and has a much smaller ecological footprint than large-scale industrial farming as transportation impacts (air and water pollution), among others are much reduced.

Thank you for voting got HB 3372.