

Testimony in Support of HB 2732

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

For the record, my name is Representative Bobby Levy, and I proudly represent House District 58, which covers a wide stretch of rural and agricultural communities in Eastern Oregon. I am submitting this testimony in strong support of HB 2732, which extends and expands the crop donation tax credit—a program that reflects the best of Oregon’s agricultural spirit and commitment to fighting hunger.

Farmers in my district and across the state are already deeply engaged in donating food to support local food banks and gleaning programs. They do this not for recognition or profit, but because they care about feeding their neighbors and supporting the communities they live in. The crop donation tax credit has helped make those generous efforts more sustainable, and HB 2732 makes the program even stronger.

By extending the sunset of the credit to January 1, 2032, and increasing the credit value from 15% to 25% of the wholesale market value of donated crops, this bill provides a meaningful incentive that helps offset real costs—like harvesting, packaging, and transportation—associated with donating food. These aren’t small burdens, especially for small and mid-sized farms that operate on tight margins.

What’s particularly powerful about this credit is that it targets both food insecurity and agricultural waste at the same time. It recognizes that sometimes food may not be market-perfect, but is still perfectly good to eat—and our producers would rather see it feed families than go to waste.

HB 2732 is a practical, compassionate, and bipartisan policy that supports farmers, strengthens food banks, and helps communities in every corner of Oregon.

I urge your support for this important bill.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bobby Levy". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Representative Bobby Levy, House District 58