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On Behalf Of:

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Resources, and Water

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3372

To Whom It Concerns:

I am in support of this bill that would allow sales of produce grown on smaller lots and farms which are watered by a well, as long as they continue to fall under the same usage guidelines of no more than 1/2 acre and under the allowed amount of gallons of usage. Myself, and my parents and grandparents before me, have all worked small family farms (while we have outside jobs that are our primary income) with a combination of well water and irrigation from the local canal systems, and the nature of that is that we feed ourselves and our families, and there is always more than is needed. To be able to sell that and provide food (vegetables, meat, eggs, dairy products) for others is making good use of the time and effort that goes into it.

My personal opinion is that larger lots or small acreages that only irrigate (and mow) a lot of grass that is only for looks and does not produce anything beneficial, in particular food for people or animals, is the only wasteful use of water.

Regardless of whether someone on a property is growing food with the intention of selling it, or whether it is simply someone such as ourselves who may have extra beyond their personal use, both should be allowed. Smaller space food production is good for the people and the planet, and fills a need in our communities.

Thank you for your consideration.