

My name is Ian M Clemons and I am a small farmer and landowner from Gaston, Oregon. I am writing today to support HB 3372-5. Currently in Oregon it is legal to water a ½ acre garden or use 5,000 gal/day for a commercial purpose, but neither of those apply to growing food and farm products for sale.

I am eager to use my property to produce real food my community, but limitations on irrigation are prohibitive for small-scale, organic, family-run operations like mine. Essentially, to get water to my crops I cannot use the fabulous well that supplies my house, even though there is abundant water available. I would have to join the local water co-op (Over \$15000 just to join without the infrastructure) or get permits and hire contractors to build an expensive water catchment system.

I want to practice low water-using farming techniques to create a resilient, food producing farm, so the modest amount to surplus water from my home well would be adequate. Unfortunately, this option is currently illegal. It just seems so unfair to drive past gigantic Agribusiness operations who suck water out of the watershed and spray it with impunity all over crops that don't nourish Oregonians (Lots of corn that does not end up on a dinner table!). Please help us out pass this bill

Thank you,

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