

Submitter:

Nicki Passarella

On Behalf Of:

Committee:

Joint Committee On Ways and Means

Measure, Appointment or Topic:

HB5006

Small farm business owners, such as myself are on the front lines of the changing climate, worsening natural disasters, and extreme weather. Simply owning and operating a small business is difficult enough (I currently hold a part time job and pet/house sit to make ends meet) and with the continuing climate emergency, times are harder than ever. In addition to these difficulties, the cuts and striking of programs built to support the nourishment of communities in our country are adding additional challenges.

The funding of disaster resilience is NECESSARY to small farm businesses in Oregon, and therefor, to Oregonians at large, since these are the people who eat the food we grow. In order to continue the work we do (and LOVE) we need financial support to stay current with tools and technical support that will allow us to continue to nourish the communities we serve in the face of a changing climate.