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I strongly support HB 2979. Our food systems have been broken for a long time. And how trade and tariff wars make it even more imperative that we reduce reliance on distant food sources and put our investments with local farmers, ranchers, fishers and food hubs. Investments are needed for local food systems to grow and succeed in feeding our communities healthy, fresh and nutritious foods. This bill addresses several needs including infrastructure, safety and storage/distribution. I have been working with the Oregon Food Hub Network for about 3 years and can attest that these investments will help fill critical gaps not covered by other funding sources.