

Submitter: Katie Swanson
On Behalf Of: HB2979
Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB5006

I am asking you to support the Food Systems Resilience Programs in HB 2979 because not only I benefit from these programs as a farmer, but my entire community benefits. These programs support farmers, ranchers, farmers markets, food hubs and community members by increasing access to fresh, local food and creating stronger, more resilient food systems. My farm directly benefitted from one of these programs: the Disaster Resilience Grant Program via Oregon Community Food Systems Network. Because of the funding I received, I am better able to plant and manage cover crops which increase my soil health/water holding capacity as well as cool down my crops in summer during heat waves. All of these things make my farm more resilient to extreme weather and better able to feed my community through difficult times instead of having failed crops. This program certainly boosts the local economy and aids rural development and food security.

Please fund HB 2979. Thank you!

Katie Swanson