

Testimony in Support of HB3372 from Flavia Franco of Southern Oregon Food Solutions. Resident of Ashland, Oregon

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To Oregon Legislators:

I'm writing to support this bill which would help the economic outlook of small farmers that would allow them to sell produce grown with ground water if they are farming on no larger than one half acre.

This would not change how much water they can use, just that they would then be able to sell what is grown.

I have become aware that the current housing crisis is driving pressure to develop farmland, and I want to see Oregon's farm land preserved, because it is so very special. Places like Orange County, San Jose and San Fernando Valley in California used to all be farmland. Those days are long gone. If farmers experience success in farming, they are less likely to disconnect and give up land for development.

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