

Chair Golden, Vice-Chair Nash,  
and members of the Senate  
Committee on Natural  
Resources and Wildfire:

My name is Etta Hess and I live on a small farm in Woodburn Area. I am writing today to support HB 3372 A. Currently in Oregon, it is legal to water a ½ acre garden or use 5,000 gal/day for a commercial purpose using a domestic well, but neither of those apply to growing food and farm products for sale. Why is it legal to use the water for personal use, but selling a single zucchini from my garden would mean I was breaking the law?

I feel this is important to keep small family farms viable. We are losing so many small family farms and the way of life that goes with it. Oregon has always been ahead of the times, with its innovative ideas. This is one of those no brainer ideas that will make Oregon a leader in making common sense policies. instead of regulating our way of life away please keep a piece of what makes Oregon such a diverse state. Our farmers don't always receive the representation that they need to continue contributing to this great state. So please make the right decision when you vote and vote YES in support of HB 3372A.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my comments.

Sincerely, Etta Hess