

Submitter: Kathleen Sweet
On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources and
Wildfire
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3372

Hello ~ My name is Kathleen Sweet, a rural property owner and I am writing to strongly support HB 3372 A to permit use of a domestic well on small acreage, up to one-half acre, for growing a crop for sale. My well will support such a small judicious use, and if I could sell the crop, either to a local market, restaurant, or neighbors, it would greatly help them and me. Some of my neighbors are elderly and cannot manage a personal garden and do not want to feel dependent on a donation, but I could grow and sell it to them at a price to offset costs and plan ahead for the next season. Local eateries like to promote locally grown produce and it would help me and them to offer some unusual choice crops. Now, I have a small orchard with abundant fruit that I could offer for sale rather than just turn to compost.

Both, since the impacts of the Covid era and the current economic impacts, keeping Oregon grown at home is essential. Allowing small properties to sell the results of our efforts will benefit Oregon. Commercial sale of our crops does not impact, but can only enhance, donations to food banks such as Food for Lane County or Oregon Food Bank. Again, keeping Oregon grown at home to benefit us all, is essential and HB3372 will help.

Thank You for your strong consideration and support.

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