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HB 4153 will be devastating to farmers who are simply trying to farm. The Hood River Valley is a special place because of the agriculture. If this bill passes, it will allow our valley to become like any other spot in the usa, with a beautiful mt at its tip! I think to offer the ability to farmers to add a way to market what they grow, could enable income to keep the farm alive. However, if it is NOT controlled....the tourism part would swallow up the agricultural side, and overtake it. As farmers, we have sooo many things that affect us that we cannot control already. The profit margins for a farmer has disappeared, and this bill would continue to force family farms to be a thing of the past. My family farm was just designated a Century Farm last summer.(Actually 106 yrs old) To continue the heritage of my Japanese Grandfather in agriculture is my wish.