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Topic:

I urge you to OPPOSE HB 4153 as written. While it has positive features, it makes life difficult for and penalizes the small family farm.

I live in Eugene and have shopped at farm stands, including one run by the Youth Farm of Ford for Lane County. I've also engaged in u-pick of peaches and purchased eggs at roadside stands.

These are wonderful opportunities for residents to learn about farming and meet the farmers and should be encouraged, not penalized. It's important for our communities to have a way for the young or beginning farmer to find what crops are most successful for them, without having to make a huge financial commitment.

These small farms are an asset to our communities in terms of aesthetics, economics, education, and food security. Please give these farmers the freedom to experiment to find the scale and approaches that work best for them.

thank you

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