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On Behalf Of: Square Peg Farm
Committee: House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural
Resources, and Water
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4153

Dear Co-Chairs Helm, Owens, Vice Chair McDonald and
Members of the House Committee on Agriculture, Land
Use, Natural Resources, and Water

Please vote "NO" on HB 4153

My husband and I own and operate Square Peg Farm in Forest Grove and we are
members of the Oregon Farm Bureau.

This bill is an overcorrection to the rulemaking process that was paused last year to
identify consistent and predictable standards for Oregon farmers looking to enhance
their agricultural operations with other farm related economic and educational
activities.

There should be clear and objective standards as to what is allowable on farmland in
Oregon and this bill does the opposite.

Farmland is for farming and this bill undermines the long-standing purpose of the
exclusive farm use zone to preserve agricultural land for farming.

It is a mistake to eliminate the "good neighbor" analysis currently required for
agritourism permits.

Why is this bill being considered during the short session? It is not an emergency,
has significant opposition, and is too complex to be successful.

Sincerely,
Amy Benson
Square Peg Farm