

# **Ag for Oregon**

## **Advocates for the Land**

### **Attack on Conservation in Oregon**

OPOA, an anti-conservation group in Oregon is behind the Farm Store bill HB 4153-A, deceptively promoting this bill to legislators and the Governor's office. Don't be deceived!

**The carefully crafted deceptive wording will damage farm land protection in Oregon. Not hyperbole. Read the bill.**

**This bill is not needed** for farmers who want to do direct sales or agritourism. These uses are allowed now through many approval routes. The bill will harm farmers who want to make a living farming.

**Counties will be mandated** to permit 10,000 sq ft buildings and entertainment venues of excessive acreage on any farms in Oregon that apply. Careful wording added in (7)(b) takes all discretion away from counties; counties can not prohibit siting and operation of Farm Stores.

**These are Non-farm Stores**, selling little from the farm; unlimited sales of retail items, prepared food and beverages and any business that provides "commercial value". This means delis, convenience stores, concert venues clothing stores and gas stations with huge parking lots, event centers covering our best farm land all over the state, competing with in-town businesses.

**Protect our farm land for future generations.** Don't allow it to be covered with commercial uses that increase prices so young farmers can't get a start.

**Keep commercial businesses in-town. Keep our towns healthy and protect our farmland and the planet.**

If this bill is passed we can never go back to protecting this resource. Correcting errors in the future would trigger Measure 56, which legislative fiscal estimates costs about \$1.5 million to send required notice.

**Don't be deceived. Tell the Governor and  
Legislature No to HB 4153-A**

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