

# Food and Farming Bills We Watched

## 2019 Post-Session Roundup from the Oregon State Legislature with the Oregon Community Food Systems Network



Member's stance: oppose, support, or protect as is	Bill #/Title	OCFSN member supporting/tracking/taking the lead; ally organization who is taking the lead	Description	Did it pass?	If \$\$ involved, how much?
Support	SB 727A, transferred to Christmas Tree bill	Farmers Market Fund; OCFSN SNAP Match team	Statewide funding for <b>Double Up Food Bucks</b> for farmers' markets, CSAs, and some rural grocery stores	Yes	<b>\$1.5 million</b>
Support	SB 5525	Oregon Food Bank	Maintain elevated funding levels of current biennium for <b>Farm Direct Nutrition Program</b> (aka WIC/Seniors)	Yes	Farm Direct WIC: \$1 million in one-time funds Farm Direct Seniors: \$200k in one-time funds
Support	HB 5026	Oregon Food Bank	Maintain elevated funding levels of current biennium for <b>Oregon Hunger Response Fund</b>	Yes	<b>\$4.3 million:</b> \$3 million base budget plus \$1.3 million in one-time funds
Support/protect line item in ODE's budget	HB 2579	Oregon Farm to School and School Garden Network	<b>Oregon Farm to School:</b> Expands programs overall and also increases funding for Farm to School grant program	Yes	\$10.35 million in addition to \$4.65 million line item in ODE's budget
Support	HB 3091	Friends of Family Farmers	Reduces fees and costs to borrowers using the state's existing 'Aggie Bonds' beginning farmer loan program, which is intended to incentivize lower interest private lending to beginning farmers and ranchers for land and equipment.	Yes	\$5 million over biennium

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Support	HB 2760 originally; transferred to HB 3427, The Student Success Act	Familias en Accion; Partners for Hunger Free Oregon led	<b>Universal school meals:</b> Would make Oregon the first state to offer meals to all school students at no charge; would reduce stigma by no longer singling students out for eating a healthy meal; eliminates "benefit cliff" - due to high cost of housing, 37% of children in OR who experience food insecurity are in households that earn too much to qualify for free/reduced lunch. (related to HB 2765)	Yes	\$41 million
Support	HB 2810, transferred to Xmas Tree Bill	James Beard Public Market	Predevelopment funding for James Beard Public Market (JBPM)	Yes	\$400,000
Support	SB 247	Friends of Family Farmers	Support funding increases for OSU "Statewides" Public Service Programs (could include \$\$ for full-time organic Extension positions - NOT guaranteed by OSU)	Yes	\$375,000 (over 2 years) for OSU Organic Extension positions - non-recurring
Support	HB 2844	1000 Friends	Allows small farm product processing facilities without land use permits if they are otherwise operating legally	Yes	
Support	HB 2729	Rogue Farm Corps; Coalition of Oregon Land Trusts led	Funding for the <b>Oregon Agricultural Heritage Program</b> , a suite of 4 grants for voluntary conservation of agricultural land and farm/ranch succession planning	No	
Support	HB 3090	Friends of Family Farmers	Establishes a new <b>beginning farmer and rancher incentive program</b> at the Oregon Department of Agriculture focused on issues of student loan debt forgiveness and tuition assistance for beginning farmers.	No	
Support	HB 2020	PCUN; ORCAN; FoFF; Renew Oregon leading the coalition	<b>Clean Energy Jobs:</b> A greenhouse gas cap and invest proposal that can benefit Oregon agriculture.	No	

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Support	<a href="#">HB 2086</a>	Rogue Farm Corps; Coalition of Oregon Land Trusts led	A package of statutory fixes to the <b>Oregon Agricultural Heritage Program</b> , including minor wording changes to grant evaluation criteria, clarifying the protocol for evaluation of applications, etc.	No	
Support	HB 3085	Friends of Family Farmers	Creates a new <b>Family Farmer Loan Program</b> managed by the state's economic development agency, Business Oregon, to offer direct loans to smaller and beginning family farmers for land or equipment.	No	
Support	HB 2882	Cultivate Oregon	Aims to protect Oregon's specialty seed industry by <b>creating patent holder and manufacturer liability</b> for genetically engineered contamination events in the state.	No	
Support	HB 2237	PCUN supported; CASA led	Agricultural worker housing tax credit - renew and extend until 2026	No	
Support	HB 3058; SB 853	PCUN supported	Ban Chlorpyrifos	No	
Support	HB 3092	Friends of Family Farmers	Establishes a new, statewide beginning farmer tax credit to incentivize leasing land to beginning farmers and ranchers.	No	
Mixed	SB 449	Cautiously Support: Friends of Family Farmers Oppose: 1000 Friends of Oregon	Creates standards for 'farm cafes,' allowing farmers and ranchers to offer prepared meals made with products grown or produced on their farms or ranches or from the local agricultural area.	No	
Support	SB 103	Friends of Family Farmers	Establishes a moratorium on issuing state permits for new industrial dairy facilities (defined as over 2500 cows, or other large facilities that don't provide seasonal access to pasture) until water and air quality rules are strengthened.	No	
Oppose	SB 350	1000 Friends	Allows counties with no population growth to ignore land use laws for "economic development"	No	

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Support	HB 2790	1000 Friends of Oregon	Amends rules for what qualifies as an 'outdoor mass gathering' on farmland and requires clear and objective standards for permit review of agri-tourism gatherings of 500 individuals or fewer.	Yes	
Support	HB 2774	1000 Friends	Restricts the costs that counties can charge citizens who appeal land use decisions	No	
Oppose	HB 2456	1000 Friends	Allows E. OR counties to rezone EFU land for housing	No	
Oppose	HB 2357	1000 Friends	Limits citizens from appealing land use decisions unless they live within 25 miles	No	

# Other Member Priorities

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Support	HB 2998	Huerto de la Familia; coalition led by MERIT	Removes the <b>"English language only" requirements for documents relating to business organization</b> , filing with the Secretary of State (SoS). Requires that the state website include translated SoS forms into the top five languages spoken in Oregon. Applicants who submitted applications in languages other than English would have their answers translated into English.	Yes	Fiscal impact of \$50,000
Support	HB 2005	PCUN	<b>FAMLI Equity Act:</b> Creates family and medical leave insurance program to provide employee who is eligible for coverage with portion of wages while employee is on family and medical leave or military family leave.	Yes	
Support	HB 3310	PCUN	<b>Oregon Voting Rights Act:</b> for a more representative democracy, holding office, and elected positions reflective of the communities they serve.	Yes	
Support	HB 3028	PCUN	Renew & raise the <b>Earned Income Tax Credit</b>	No	
Support	HB2015	PCUN; coalition led by ONE Oregon and Causa	Equal Access to Roads Act: <b>Driver's licenses for all Oregon residents</b>	Yes	
Support	SB 750	PCUN	<b>Oregon Corporate Accountability Act:</b> ensuring workers' rights are enforced by deputizing whistle blowers to bring forward public enforcement lawsuits.	No	
Support	HB 2173, 2184 and 2455	1000 Friends	Create programs and funding for extending <b>broadband infrastructure</b> to underserved rural communities	HB 2173: Y HB 2184, 2455: N	

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Support	SB 608, HB 2001 and HB 2663	1000 Friends	Three bills that collectively make it possible for <b>cities to build more affordable housing</b> , taking the burden (and excuse) off of rural lands	See below	
	HB 2001	1000 Friends	<b>Requires big cities to allow duplexes:</b> Requires cities with population greater than 10,000 or within Metro to allow duplexes in lands zoned for single-family dwellings within urban growth boundary.	Yes	
	HB 2663	1000 Friends	<b>Affordable Housing:</b> Would've reviewed state building code to remove provisions that prohibit, restrict, or disincentivize creation of duplexes, triplexes, and quadraplexes.	No	
	SB 608	1000 Friends	<b>Bans no-cause evictions:</b> Prohibits landlord from terminating month-to-month tenancy without cause after 12 months of occupancy.	Yes	
Support	HB 2774	1000 Friends	Restricts the costs that counties can charge citizens who appeal land use decisions	No	
Oppose	SB 621	1000 Friends	Prohibits counties from regulating short term rentals (Air BnB, etc.) Impacts availability of rural and farmworker housing.	No	

# Priorities of Ally Organizations

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Support	HB 2007	Clean Diesel: Directs Environmental Quality Commission to adopt by rule diesel engine emission standards for medium-duty trucks and heavy-duty trucks.	Oregon Environmental Council	Yes	
Support	HB 2759	Establishes School Breakfast and Lunch Reimbursement Account for purpose of reimbursing school districts for certain costs incurred in providing breakfast and lunch. (anti lunch-shaming)	Partners for Hunger Free Oregon	Yes	
Support	HB 2639	Expands eligibility for WIC for children five years or older who have not yet begun kindergarten.	Partners for Hunger Free Oregon	No	

# Racial Equity Legislation

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Support	HB 2011	Requires specified professional regulatory boards to require persons authorized to practice professions regulated by board to complete cultural competency continuing education.		Yes	
Support	HB 2015	<b>Drivers licenses for all:</b> Eliminates requirement that person provide proof of legal presence before Department of Transportation issues noncommercial driver license, noncommercial driver permit or identification card.	CAUSA, Adelante	Yes	
Support	HB 2998	Removes requirement that documents related to business organizations that are submitted for filing to Secretary of State must be in English language.		Yes	\$50,000 fiscal impact
Support	HB 2440	Directs Department of Education to develop and implement statewide education plan for students in early childhood through post-secondary education who are Latino or Hispanic and have experienced disproportionate educational results.		No	
Support	HB 2801	Requires pharmacists to label prescription drugs in language other than English if patient to whom prescription drug is dispensed is person of limited English proficiency.		No	
Support	HB 2941	Directs Higher Education Coordinating Commission to require each mental health provider preparation program in this state to prepare plan to recruit and graduate diverse mental health providers.		No	
Support	HB 2942	Requires Higher Education Coordinating Commission to adopt statewide higher education equity plan and take plan into account in recommending to Governor appropriations for specified programs, facilities and investments and in advising Legislative Assembly, Governor, community colleges, public universities and other state boards and commissions on educational policies.		No	
Support	HB 2986	Requires Oregon Health Authority and coordinated care organizations to partner with regional health equity coalitions in addressing health disparities for communities of color.		No	