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Oregon Senate Passes Bill Supporting Family Farms and Local Agricultural Experiences

SALEM, Ore. – The **Oregon Senate** today passed [House Bill 4153A](#), a bill ensuring family farms, farm stands, U-picks, and flower fields across Oregon can continue offering local agricultural experiences to their communities.

“House Bill 4153 is a big win for Oregon agriculture. It’s extremely important for the local economies in my district and rural communities across Oregon,” said **Senator Fred Girod (R-Silverton)**, who carried the measure on the Senate floor.

“I am proud to support this bill because it protects the small-scale agriculture that defines my coastal district. Even the very smallest farms now have a clear path to a farm stand or farm store permit, ensuring they can continue connecting with our community while staying in business,” said **Senator David Brock Smith (R-Port Orford)**, a chief sponsor of the bill.

“This is common-sense legislation that protects Oregon farmers and strengthens the connection between rural communities and urban families. It ensures more Oregonians can experience the farms, food, and traditions that are such an important part of our state,” **Senate Republican Leader Bruce Starr (R-Dundee)** concluded.

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