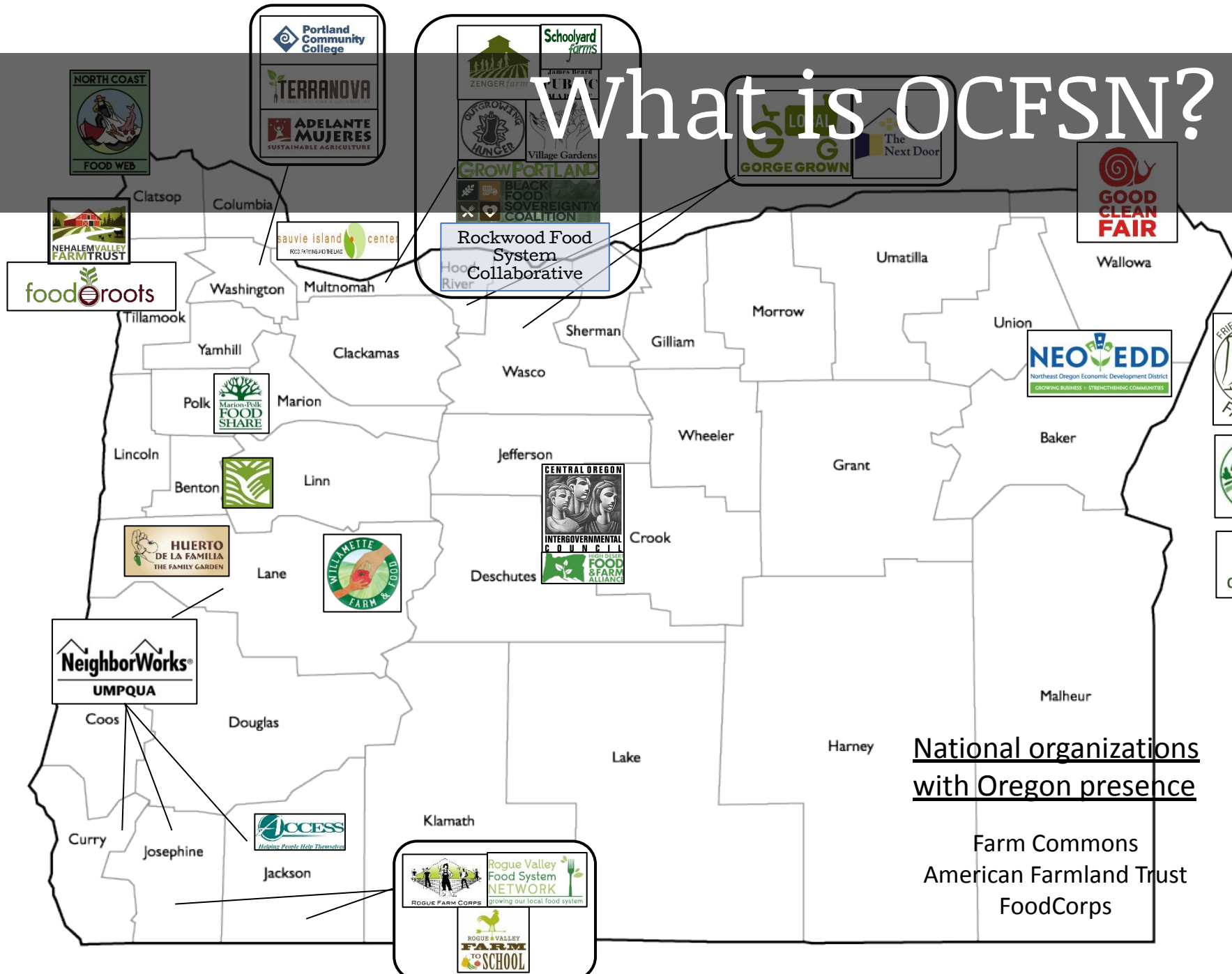




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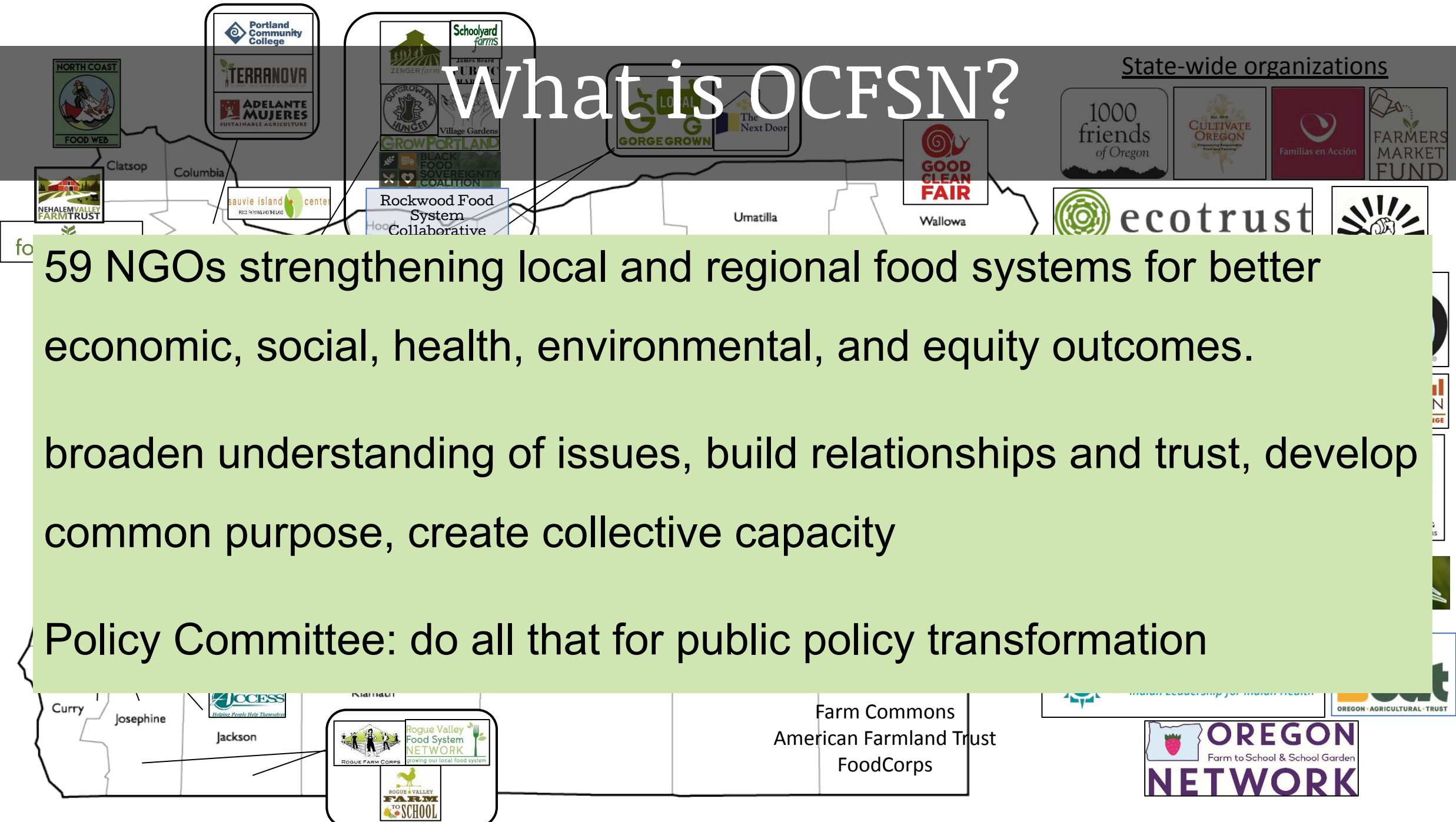


59 NGOs strengthening local and regional food systems for better economic, social, health, environmental, and equity outcomes.

broaden understanding of issues, build relationships and trust, develop common purpose, create collective capacity

Policy Committee: do all that for public policy transformation

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# Community Food Systems at the 2021 Legislature



2021 Matrix: CFS at the Oregon Legislature

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Type: Funding, budget, regulation, rulemaking, etc.	Topic	Member's stance: oppose, support, or protect as is	Bill #/Title	Description	Who's monitoring it?	Status	More info/questions from other OCFSN members	Implications for diversity, equity, and inclusion	Did it pass? (Y/N)
Regulation	Agriculture - livestock operations	Support	HB 2924 and SB 583 - Relating to industrial dairies	Prohibits DEQ and ODA from issuing or renewing license or permit to allow construction or operation of new industrial dairy, addition to or expansion of existing industrial dairy or addition to or expansion of dairy that would cause dairy to become industrial dairy. (Note: Applies to mega dairies with 2500 cows or more.)	Friends of Family Farmers, Stand Up to Factory Farms Coalition	House version dead, the Senate version has a public hearing on 4/1, but no work session, so it won't be moving forward.	FoFF and partners highlight the disastrous failure of the Lost Valley mega-dairy near Boardman, revealing significant inadequacies in permitting and oversight. Concerns about the ODA approval of mega-dairy Easterday Farms taking over the Lost Valley farms location	BIPOC disproportionately impacted by climate change, pollution and other environmental issues; as well as poor working conditions	N
Budget	Agriculture	Support	ODA's Budget This HB 3158	Through 2020's first Special Session's HB 4206, the legislature authorized Oregon Dept. of Agriculture (ODA) to adopt rules to establish a State Meat Inspection Program for the processing and sales of meat products from certain species, including but not limited to cattle and sheep. This program would require the ODA to inspect meat products, and allow for ODA licensing of establishments operating under the program along with the establishment of license requirements and fee schedules. The legislature allocated ODA 3 positions, and the governor's proposed budget maintains these 3 positions over the next biennium. This is the bare minimum Oregon can show USDA to have USDA approve the program. FoFF is building a coalition of interested parties to advocate for these positions.	Friends of Family Farmers	House Committee On Agriculture and Natural Resources, subsequent referral to Ways and Means--was not scheduled for a public hearing and won't be moving forward. Hopefully funds for ODA can come out of grant fund, if it passes. - DEAD	FoFF will be advocating for long-term funding for necessary technical assistance and infrastructure improvements. They are looking for ideas for a privo/agency partnership to help raise additional funds	Will hopefully create more rural economic development, including communities of color, and a healthier food system for all.	N
Regulation	Agriculture	Support	HB 2787	Directs DEQ, in consultation with ODA, to study laws related to permitting of animal rendering facilities and provide results of study in report to interim committee of Legislative Assembly no later than September 15, 2022 Sunsets January 2, 2023.	FoFF	In Ways and Means		Will hopefully create more rural economic development and opportunities for communities of color, as well as a healthier food system for all.	
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food and farming member priorities Member priorities other than food & farming Ally/partner priorities DEJ is focus




- Newsletter, listserv, website, biweekly meetings
- Who are racial equity leaders & what are their legislative priorities?
- Matrix w/DEI
- Allyship workshops

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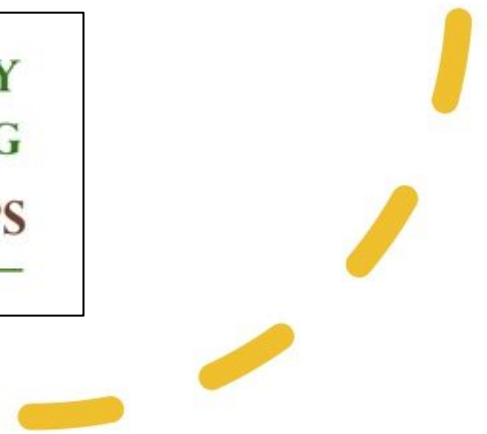
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Three workshops:

- Oct. 12, 2020
- Feb. 18, 2021
- July 13, 2021

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# Allyship Workshop #1

- pre-session -

## Participant Strategies for the Legislative Session (examples)

- ❖ Share policy priorities early
- ❖ Track partners' priorities and specific ways to support
- ❖ Educate hesitant board members on 501c3 advocacy opportunities
- ❖ Amplify voices of marginalized farmers, ranchers, rural Oregonians
- ❖ Actively respond to partner requests → endorse bills, distribute action alerts, contact legislators
- ❖ Hold Governor accountable for prioritizing DEI and environmental justice in state budget



# Allyship Workshop #1

## Participant takeaways:

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- ❖ Allyship is:
  - a continuous practice, not a self-proclaimed identity
  - awareness of the space we take up
  - decentering white voices
  
- ❖ They are eager to learn ... but uncertain how to implement
  - lack of organizational knowledge and capacity on public policy
  - divisiveness within organizations on how to do the work
  
- ❖ Building community, genuine relationships are crucial to center the voices of those most affected
  
- ❖ Intentional re-frame of the land acknowledgement:
  - intention vs. impact



# Allyship in Bills Activity

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Discuss the following questions and use the jamboards to map out action items and shared language to support this bills.

1. What's the connection between this bill and OCFSN objectives?
2. From a DEIJ stance, why is it important for us to support this bill?
3. What actions would help move this bill forward?

**Current Committee:  
House Committee on Revenue**

# HB 2819: Leave No Worker Behind

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Measures/Overview/HB2819>

**Chief Sponsors: Rep. Reardon, Campos, Hudson**

## How does this bill connect to community food systems?

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## Actions that will help move this bill forward?

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**Current  
Committee:  
House  
Committee on  
Rules**

## HB 2366: Voter Rights for Incarcerated Persons

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Measures/Overview/HB2366>

**Chief Sponsors:  
Representative  
Salinas, Senator  
Gelser,  
Representative  
Bynum, Senator  
Dembrow (from  
BIPOC Caucus)**

### How does this bill connect to community food systems?

when person  
incarcerated family  
thrust into deep  
food insecurity - on  
avg. 300% below  
poverty line -  
exacerbated by debt  
associated with  
incarceration

labor and  
incarcerated  
population is  
disproportionately  
Black, indigenous,  
and people of color  
(whether culturally or  
due to  
disenfranchisement)

**gives people  
the ability to  
advocate for  
themselves**

ultimately, may lead  
to more voter  
support for other  
food friendly  
legislation

class action lawsuits  
against OR DOC for  
serving inhumane  
food

### Why is it important for us to support this bill?

**This bill is a  
tool to provide  
shared  
liberation**

everyone deserves a  
voice in our  
government/decision-  
making, especially the  
least visible parts of  
our community (labor,  
incarcerated, BIPOC)

such a long  
standing practice of  
voter suppression;  
this is a step to  
directly address this  
and give power  
back to people

**Dismantle  
the prison  
industrial  
complex!!**

This is a step to  
re-write systemic  
racist practices in  
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**network  
endorsement?  
endorsement  
from  
individual  
organizations**

**ask the people  
who are  
working on  
this bill**

provide testimony --  
help tell the stories  
of people currently  
affected by this  
policy.

getting our orgs to  
see the connection  
between  
community food  
systems and this bill  
-- local education on  
connection to  
broader systems

**follow Next  
Up, follow  
their requests  
for help**

# Allyship in Practice Examples



## Farmworker Overtime Email to Legislators

**Help us make a difference by contacting your legislator today to pass HB 2358, Farmworker Overtime to protect and support our farmworkers!**

## 2021 Oregon Food Security Agenda



### HB 2536 Hunger-Free Schools 2.0

Clarifies the intent of Oregon's school meal policy within the Student Success Act by ensuring the new Expanded Income Eligibility Guidelines for meals at no charge by applying the Expanded Eligibility Guidelines (186-300% FPL) for students at all schools that serve school meals. No fiscal  
**Lead Org: Partners for a Hunger Free Oregon**



### HB 2785 Oregon Meat Processing Capacity Building

Oregon's acute lack of meat processing capacity was further strained during Covid-19 and the legislature smartly authorized ODA to establish a State Meat Inspection Program. This bill is integral to growing the nascent Program, which will address processing bottlenecks, improve regional food security, support rural Oregon, and make it easier for producers to donate locally produced meat to food banks. (\$10 million Federal Match Available)  
**Lead Org: Friends of Family Farmers**



### SB 404 Oregon Organic Action Plan

Growing organic acreage in Oregon is a way to build carbon-sequestering healthy soils, improve rural economic development and health outcomes, reinvest more dollars in local economies, and strengthen regional food system resilience. 7FTE's plus an economic analysis study (\$1.5 million)  
**Lead Org: Oregon Organic Coalition**



### HB 2833 & HB 2834 Oregon Hunger Task Force

Updates statute so that membership better reflects people with lived experiences of hunger and communities most impacted. Request for increased funds to support these members and community engagement. (\$150,000)  
**Lead Org: Partners for a Hunger Free Oregon**



### Agriculture and Land Access Allocation for BIPOC Farmers

Black, indigenous and farmers of color have been historically disenfranchised in farm ownership, with Black farmers losing over 12 million acres of farmland in the last century and BIPOC farms making up only 9% of Oregon's agricultural acres. In order to improve food security, access to agricultural land and farming infrastructure for BIPOC farmers must be made a priority. The Emergency Relief for Farmers of Color Act seeks to support farmers through technical assistance & infrastructure, direct relief payments for farm loans, and funding for projects to improve land access and acquisition. (\$4 million)  
**Lead Org: Black Oregon Land Trust**

### Questions?

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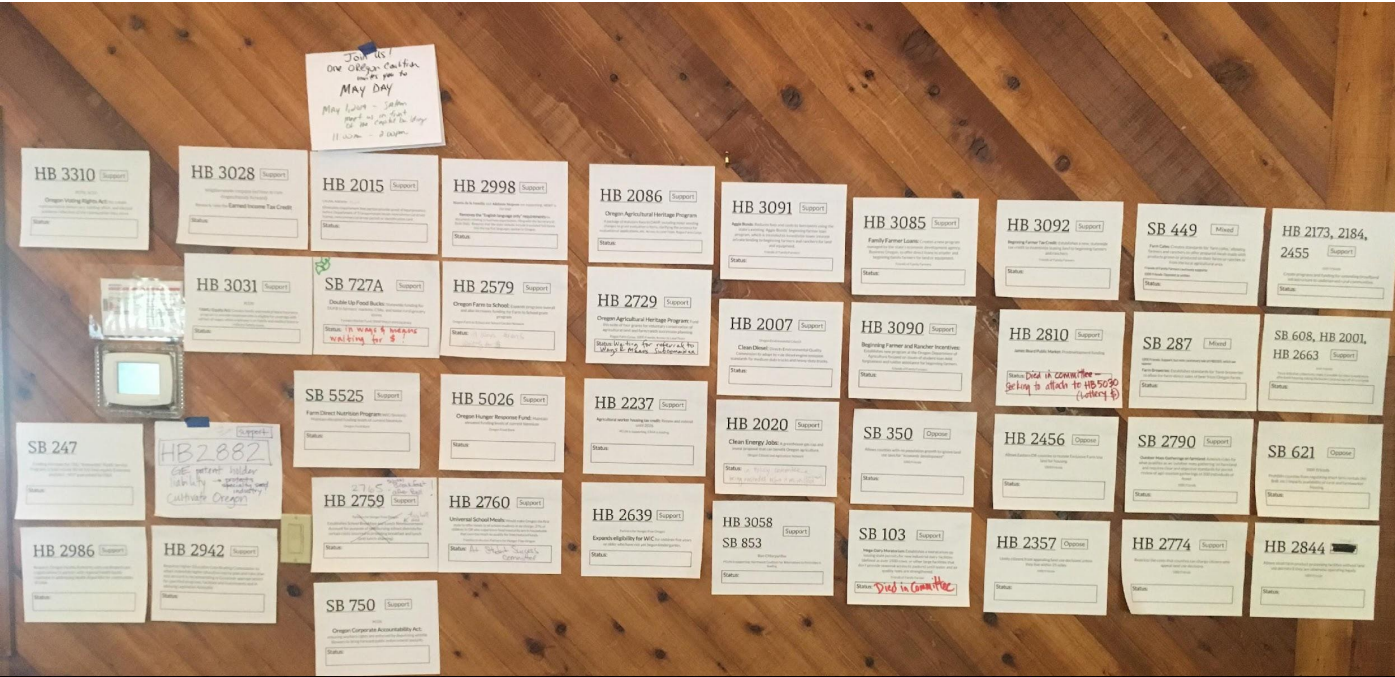
## Next steps (examples):

- "Why that bill now?" Understand PCUN's process, long-term vision
- Learn practices: e.g., NSAC's racial equity assessment tool for policy prioritization.
- Keep listening: Food Charter process
- Intersections: housing, poverty, "Fair Shot"

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ROOTING OREGON'S ECONOMIC RECOVERY IN RACE & GENDER JUSTICE

# Onward: [Still] Central Questions

- How are voting rights for incarcerated people related to food systems?
- Once we see these connections, how do we act effectively?
- When are well-meaning actions helpful? When are they harmful?



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