

Support Food System Resilience **YES on HB 2979**

Our small farms and ranches, food hubs, and farmers markets are a key part of making our state **resilient** to changes and breakdowns in the centralized food system, but these small farm businesses and the hubs and markets that work with them are also on the front lines of the changing climate, worsening natural disasters, and extreme weather.



HB 2979 *renews the state's investment in community food system resilience:*

- \$3.5M for OCFSN's Farmer and Rancher Disaster Resilience Grant Program
- \$2M for OCFSN's Food Hub Climate Resilience & Worker Safety Grant Fund
- \$2.5M for OFMA's Farmers Market Climate Resilience Grant Fund and grants to farmers markets for costs associated with acceptance of SNAP benefits

Eligible Projects Include:

Farmers:

- Irrigation modernization & soil health projects for drought resilience
- Shading & cooling for heat waves
- Wildfire evacuation equipment and planning

Farmers Markets:

- Market cooling interventions (mistifiers/shading) for heat waves
- Heaters for winter markets
- PPE for wildfire smoke protection

Food Hubs:

- Refrigeration equipment to take in more food when markets close
- Worker safety equipment like fatigue mats
- Food safe transportation to pick up and deliver local food

Join us in supporting this crucial investment in a resilient future
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