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Public Comment on HB 3058

Dear Chair Clem and Members of the House Agricultural and Land Use:

I'm writing as a small farmer in southern Oregon, extremely concerned about the "first-strike" use of highly toxic poisons to control "weeds" and "pests" in Oregon. Now that the lawsuits are mounting against pesticide manufacturers nationwide, now is an excellent time to steer Oregon toward protecting all Life in Oregon.

Now is the time to ban these horrendous, toxic chemicals that were designed for use in warfare. I ask the State of Oregon to lead our nation toward Pollinator Friendly Agriculture. Without bees, there is no future for any agriculture.

[HB 3058 is a companion bill that would also ban the purchase, sale, and use of Chlorpyrifos. It also lists Neonicotinoids as Restricted Use Pesticides](#), thereby requiring certification and training before buying, selling, or disseminating this particularly highly toxic class of pesticides. The effect of removing Neonics from the shelves would be the same as above. This version does not contain any discussion of fees or costs.

I'm asking you to take proactive measures to end the tyranny of chemical trespass against every Oregonian: Republican, Democrat, human or other mammals, plants, insects, soil and water biota. We need a complete ban on these terrible chemicals designed to cause Biocide.

Thank you for taking this action in Oregon legislation to protect People, Wildlife and the Public Water Supply from these highly toxic pesticides, as your professional mandate directs.

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