

Dear Chair Dembrow,

I am asking you to PLEASE vote "NO" on HB 4109.

Though we are dairy farmers and do not use the pesticide, chlorpyrifos, we have many Ag peers who do need to use it. There are not alternative pest control products for certain crops such as grass seed, hazelnuts, and Christmas trees, all of which Oregon is widely known for producing. Also alfalfa is a crop for which chlorpyrifos is needed, and being dairy farmers, Oregon produced alfalfa is a mainstay for our cows.

This entire issue is one that should not have come up in Short Session, which was never intended for complex and time consuming legislation. Especially, when ODA has already begun rule making to be applied to the use of the pesticide. HB 4109 is simply a way to get around our state regulatory process, and allow legislators the privilege of making product by product use decisions.

Legislature does not have the knowledge to make such decisions without the expertise of science and state/federal regulators.

I ask you to be responsible and sensible! Do not ban a product without truly understanding its use and the impact there would be to Oregon Ag without having access to chlorpyrifos. please note "No" on HB 4109! Do support an approach to protect farm workers, as guided by ODA, and maintain this tool for our crop farmers.

Thank you!

Sincerely,

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