

I am writing in SUPPORT of HB 3249 which will FUND RESEARCH ON CHLORPYRIFOS ALTERNATIVES.

With the recent release of Oregon Department of Agriculture's new rules restricting and phasing out most uses of chlorpyrifos in Oregon, it is imperative to support growers by investing in research that will help identify alternative options for pest control. Several Oregon crops rely on chlorpyrifos for the management of real & significant problem pests. Without effective alternatives, growers will face devastating crop loss and risk losing access to domestic and international markets.

Given this rulemaking and its anticipated impacts, I ask that you support HB 3249 and invest in the research needed to identify safe, effective, and affordable alternatives for a large number of unique crop/pest combinations. The stakes are high and, to date, the state has made little investment to help Oregon growers find replacement products.