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On Behalf Of: Mr Oregon Opposes HB 4062
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I OPPOSE [HB 4062A]. "Establishes noncommercial pesticide applicator license and noncommercial pesticide trainee's certificate."

Harmful Pesticides and other 'Restricted Chemicals' in [HB 4062A] should be used by trained applicators and 'Not' via 'Trainee programs'.

The Goal is to further reduce access and misuse to the 'Restricted Chemicals' for a variety of good reasons, chief amongst them; exposure of known carcinogens and those chemical compounds deleterious to wildlife and water quality.

The current 'Testing Protocols' allegedly use the 'same Test'. Test-takers who 'Fail' the written test can take the 'same Test-over and over' until they pass the Test. This process must change.

I know the authors of [HB 4062A] mean well but, unless one has the collegial education in Chemistry and Biology, Apprenticeship programs may cause more harm than good.

Lastly, the 'Apprenticeship' program requires funding and supervision. Who pays? Accurate financial costs should have been discussed and not left open-ended.

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