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A couple of years ago there were not enough pollinating insects to pollinate my plum tree. I got only one plum that year. When I buy plants locally I am not certain if neonicotinoids have been used on the plant.

1. Oregon must join 12 other states in restricting neonicotinoids! This bill keeps harmful pesticides away from untrained users and out of retail stores to protect pollinators and our communities.
2. Protect Oregon's Pollinators! Neonicotinoids play a major role in colony collapse of our delicate pollinator populations. These pesticides impairs pollinators' ability to forage, reproduce, and navigate, putting Oregon's food systems and ecosystems at risk.
3. Neonicotinoids contaminate waterways! These pesticides are highly water soluble and toxic to fish and aquatic life. Restricting the use of neonicotinoids reduces harmful runoff and protect our waterways.