

To whom it may concern,

I support HB 2679 -Pollinator and Wildlife Protection

Pesticides critically harm our most vital resources by contaminating our soil, water resources which is the food, air and water we drink. Also, these pesticides impair our pollinators' ability to forage, reproduce, and navigate, putting Oregon's food systems and ecosystems at risk. These pesticides easily contaminate the air, ground and water when they run off from fields, escape storage tanks, are not discarded properly, and especially when they are sprayed aerially. In addition, pesticides are highly water soluble and toxic to fish and aquatic life. Restricting the use of neonicotinoids reduces harmful runoff and protect our waterways.

Concerned,

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