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I was a bee keeper for 15 years. I am no longer as it's become too difficult to keep them alive. The colony collapse was the last straw but along the way viruses, bacteria, mites and microsporidians caused death of my hives. Research points to neonicotinoids in products such as Round Up and other pesticides as the culprit. We must stop this killing as the earth's pollinators are critical in food production for many types of animals - including humans!!! Oregon must join other states in taking this chemical out of retail stores.

If it's not bad enough to have it in our food supply, neonicotinoids are water soluble and harmful to our health through consuming water and are toxic to fish.

Please pass HB 2679