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I have been advocating for decades to restrict neonicotinoids and other carcinogenic pesticides. If a chemical can kill insects, it's obviously unhealthy for us humans, along with the whole range of lifeforms between insects and us. At the very least, this bill keeps harmful pesticides away from untrained users and finally out of retail stores, to protect pollinators and our communities.

Neonicotinoids play a major role in colony collapse of our delicate pollinator populations. These pesticides impair pollinators' ability to forage, reproduce, and navigate, putting Oregon's food systems and ecosystems at risk.

Neonicotinoids are highly water soluble, thereby easily contaminating waterways, and are of course toxic to fish and aquatic life. Restricting their use reduces harmful runoff and protects our waterways.

Our human population would be much more healthy and resilient if we weren't regularly exposed to toxic chemicals. Please support HB 2679.