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I am Barbara Rumer from Bend and i wish to strongly support. Hb2679. I personally have been working on pollinator and pestice issues for the past 5 years. I am part or organizations that support and enact native pollinator plants. We advocate and donate over 2000 native plants per year to local homeowners to increase native pollinator populations. I personally have researched the ramifications of how decrease in pollinators is affecting a healthy ecosystem. Native pollinators are important in general agricultural pollination as well. No pollination no edible plants. It is imperative that we do everything to help all pollinators. Neonics kill beneficial pollinators. And there ate alternative healthier alternatives for pest control. Oregon needs to be proactive in neonic regilations like 11 different states in the US. We need to have healthy farmlands and healthy vibrant ecosystems. I also know that neonics are neurotoxins - detrimental to all humans and especially children. Neonics should only be used in an ipm setting and by regulated applicators. This bill would make many people safer from harmful neurotoxins. Even now neonics can be used on school yards in an ipm setting

This bill should be passed out of committee withe the strongest language possible noting neonictinoid regulation in a RUP language. Limited use pesticide language in the billwould not keep this harmful pesticide out of public hands .keep oregon safe. Keep oregon biodiiverse. Make oregon a leader. Pass this bill with strongest language possible.