

Protecting Pollinators and Wildlife 2679

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Dear committee member

My name is suzia aufderheide , and I support House Bill 2679. This is a critical step toward protecting Oregon's pollinators, water quality, and public health from toxic neonicotinoid pesticides.

several states, including Washington, California, and Nevada, have already taken steps to limit access to residential neonicotinoid use. Oregon should follow suit to protect its ecosystems, communities, and economy. This bill will keep these pesticides out of the hands of untrained users and remove them from retail sales.

bees, butterflies, and other pollinators are in steep decline, with neonicotinoids playing a major role in their population collapse. These pesticides impairs pollinators' ability to forage, reproduce, and navigate, putting Oregon's food systems and ecosystems at risk.

hb 2679 can help protect these essential species by restricting the use of neonicotinoids in residential areas.

neonicotinoids are water-soluble and frequently contaminate streams, lakes, and drinking water. they are toxic to fish and aquatic life. HB 2679 will reduce pesticide runoff and safeguard Oregon's water quality.

by implementing precautionary principles into law we can stop destructive products before they reach the marketplace. this also allows industry the opportunity to improve their product.

I urge you to support HB 2679 to safeguard pollinators, protect public health, and reduce pesticide contamination in Oregon's environment.

thank you,

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assurance that all is well...