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The Western Wood Preservers Institute (WWPI) is opposed to the introduced version and the -1 amendments for HB 2679. We are in conversations with the author and look forward to an amendment we can agree on that excludes wood preservatives from the definition of a neonicotinoid.

Founded in Oregon in 1947, WWPI is a non-profit trade association that has represented the interests of the preserved wood products industry in 17 western states. Our members produce the preserved wood products that are critical and essential to Oregon's infrastructure and enables the greening of the U.S. economy. WWPI is a resource that works with federal, state, and local agencies, as well as designers, contractors, and users over the entire preserved wood life cycle.

The "neonicotinoid" group includes several pesticide subgroups, such as "imidacloprid", which is also used as a component in several wood preservative pesticides. These pesticides are only used either within a sealed steel cylinder or inside an enclosed building at secure facilities by trained technicians, and are not sold or distributed to the public. There is no atmospheric or pollinator exposure caused by the use of these wood preservatives.

Many states have exempted wood preservatives or are currently considering legislation that would exempt wood preservatives from neonicotinoid regulations. We hope Oregon will do the same. We are proposing to add "A wood preservative pesticide registered by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Oregon Department of Agriculture for use according to the label" to the -1 amended version of HB 2679.

(a)(A) 'Controlled neonicotinoid pesticide' means a pesticide that contains a chemical belonging to the neonicotinoid class of chemicals, including acetamiprid, clothianidin, dinotefuran, imidacloprid, nitenpyram, nithiazine, thiacloprid, thiamethoxam or any other chemical designated by the State Department of Agriculture by rule as belonging to the neonicotinoid class of chemicals.

(B) 'Controlled neonicotinoid pesticide' does not include:

- (i) A pet care product;
- (ii) A veterinary product;

(iii) An indoor pest control product;
(iv) A personal care product;
(v) A product used in structural insulation;
(vi) A bait product, including, but not limited to, bait station traps and scatter bait; or
(vii) An insect strip.
(viii) A wood preservative pesticide registered by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Oregon Department of Agriculture for use according to the label

(b) 'Invasive invertebrate pest' means any nonnative invertebrate, including its eggs or other biological material, that is proven to cause harm to humans, animals, plants, the economy or the environment.

(c) 'Licensed applicator' means a pesticide applicator, noncommercial applicator, public applicator or trainee that holds a valid license or certificate issued under this chapter.

(d) 'Residential landscape' means ornamental plants, turf and other vegetation adjacent to a single-unit or multiple-unit residence.