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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Education
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2684

Dear Chair and Members of the Committee,

For the health of all students, school districts must be held accountable to report and update Integrated Pest Management plans on a regular basis!

Children are especially vulnerable to pesticide exposure due to their developing immune and nervous systems. HB 2684 ensures that school districts review, update if needed, and readopt plans every 5 years. Reviewing and re-adopting School IPM plans is an essential process for school districts to ensure their plans are up to date with modern science that agencies use to amend pesticide laws.

School gardens are important learning spaces and food growing spaces. Children love being in school gardens! Many pesticides used in schools can harm pollinators that are attracted to school gardens. The law needs to be updated to make sure school gardens are protected from pesticide drift and deposition.

I urge you to support HB 2684 to protect students, school staff, and our environment by ensuring stronger, more transparent, and science-based pest management practices in Oregon schools.

Sincerely,
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