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As someone who has personally experienced significant negative health effects from a pesticide, I urge a yes vote for HB 2684. Thousands of my comrades and I had severe or, for some of them, fatal aftereffects from exposure to the herbicide Agent Orange during the war in Vietnam. Pesticides are a very serious matter, especially for children, who are even more susceptible to their negative health effects than adults. One organization that I support, Birth Defect Research for Children (<https://birthdefects.org/>), conducts ongoing education about the dangers of pesticides to children. A recent research article that they featured describes the carcinogenic effects of certain commonly used pesticides that particularly harm children: <https://usrtk.org/healthwire/pesticide-exposure-linked-to-childhood-cancers/>.

Please pass HB 2684 to help insure that schoolchildren in Oregon do not become victims.