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Chair & Committee Members,

I Support SB 360.

This bill strikes a reasonable balance between maintaining public health and safety standards and recognizing the low-risk nature of certain modern pesticide application methods. Many battery-powered devices used today are specifically designed to apply pre-mixed, ready-to-use pesticide products in highly controlled doses, minimizing exposure risk to both the applicator and the environment.

By allowing unlicensed workers—under the supervision of a licensed applicator or within specified guidelines—to use such low-risk technology, this legislation helps reduce regulatory burden, support workforce flexibility, and address labor shortages in landscaping, agriculture, and facility maintenance without compromising safety.

Importantly, this bill does not open the door to unregulated pesticide use. It continues to require proper labeling, safe product selection, and responsible use, while simply recognizing that not all pesticide applications carry the same level of risk or require the same level of training.

In an era where new tools and technologies are making routine tasks safer and more efficient, it makes sense to modernize our regulations accordingly. This legislation promotes practical innovation while keeping appropriate guardrails in place.

I respectfully urge the Committee to support this bill and help enable a more efficient, safe, and adaptable workforce.