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Sent: Monday, April 01, 2013 12:04 PM
To: Sen Hass; Sen Dingfelder; Sen Olsen; Sen Bates; en.billhansell@state.or.us
Cc: Lutman Jennifer
Subject: SB 800

Dear Senators Dingfelder, Olsen, Bates, Hansell, and Hass;

I am writing you in regards to SB 800 which requires pesticide applicators to submit spray records to the DEQ no later than 60 days following the application. I represent the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America as the Northwest Field Staff Representative. I am a resident of the State of Oregon and also possess a current and valid Oregon Commercial Pesticide Applicators License. I strongly oppose SB 800 on multiple levels:

- It creates a new reporting requirement for pesticide operators, adding to their paperwork load
- Pesticide operators, including golf course superintendents already keep meticulous records that are available in the event that ODA needs to do an investigation. Why should a state agency store the records of all the applications?
- DEQ would need to create at least one new position just to handle the paperwork load at a time that our natural resource agencies are already facing budget cuts.
- This bill would ship significant pesticide responsibilities from Oregon Department of Agriculture to DEQ and Oregon Health Authority (OHA).
- The ODA has an entire division devoted to regulating pesticides, and has access to the needed expertise on the issue which DEQ and OHS lack.

Oregon's commercial pesticide applicators do not need another layer of red tape to do their jobs, and the State of Oregon does not need another branch of government taking over the already knowledgeable staff of the Oregon Department of Agriculture.

Thank you for considering my comments,

Sincerely,



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