

Ms. Beth Patrino, Committee Administrator
House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources
Oregon State Legislature
900 Court Street NE, Room 347
Salem, Oregon 97301

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Re: HB 3364, Relating to integrated pest management.

Dear Chair Witt and Committee Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony concerning House Bill 3364, the state agency coordination plan for integrated pest management. I support this bill because it is moderate and ensures Oregon is operating in alignment with industry standards. Most importantly, as an Oregon resident and parent using our state's parks and public spaces, I believe it is the State's obligation to implement IPM in a meaningful and transparent manner. This bill is an important step in that direction.

I worked for five years growing and implementing the integrated pest management program for the City and County of San Francisco. I have seen the critical role a skilled program coordinator can play and how it can make the difference between a cohesive program with lots of support and great results, versus a disjointed set of smaller individual efforts receiving little support or recognition. With Paul Jepson from OSU offering to be the coordinating lead for the program outlined by this bill, the State has an invaluable resource and an opportunity not to be missed.

I have seen how IPM builds public trust, diminishes complaints to near zero, protects workers, and gives an agency something to be proud about.

As an IPM consultant, a citizen of our beautiful state, and a mother of two small boys who like to crawl in the grass, taste rocks, climb fences, and interface with their environment, I call upon the Committee to support this initiative. It makes sense. It is reasonable. And it is responsible.

Thank you,



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