



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HB 3364

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Good morning Chair Witt and Members of the Committee. For the record, I'm Chris Gorsek, State Representative for House District 49, which includes the cities of Troutdale, Wood Village, Fairview and Gresham.

I'm here today to testify in support of House Bill 3364, because I believe that the system of Integrated Pest Management is the best way forward.

In the 1970s, we saw the beginnings of serious research on Integrated Pest Management, or IPM, approaches to controlling pests and this research increased in the 1980s. IPM is a multi-step process to controlling a pest situation in which, a problem is assessed, evaluated and then a solution is implemented with complementary actions. This is a system that allows us to adapt to different situations to find the best solution possible for the problem at hand.

Some of these solutions are as simple as landscape design and planting resistant plant varieties. Using insect pheromones or the release of natural enemies and beneficial organisms. And other solutions that are better than the one size fits all approach of using chemicals alone to control pests.

Integrated Pest Management will allow us to address pest problems in a targeted way that allows us to choose the best solution for each individual situation.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to testify today.

