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Subject: My testimony for HB 3364, state integrated pest management

Members of the Senate Environment and Natural Resources Committee,

I am writing to provide testimony in support of HB 3364 which deals with Oregon's integrated pest management policy.

I am a physician board certified in internal medicine. I have taken some time to look at the existing literature in medical and scientific journals dealing with health effects of pesticides. There is actually a large body of research that shows that some of the pesticides used in the approved manners and amounts do still cause adverse health effects in humans. These effects include increased incidences of cancers, neurologic problems, endocrine effects, and reproductive effects. Integrated pest management is an effective way to minimize human exposure to these pesticides.

I strongly support this bill and urge you to pass it on to the full senate with your committee's approval.

Sincerely,

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