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Natural Resources Committee Administrator Reiley,

Please support the state integrated pest management bill, HB 3364. We have visited rural Lane County neighborhoods near Triangle Lake and Fox Hollow Road, Eugene, where people and their animals suffer from exposure to pesticides (biocides). To date these people's legitimate concerns have been seemingly ignored or taken too lightly by governmental officials, agencies and medical practitioners.

An integrated pest management program needs to be implemented to reduce dependency on lethal sprays as a way of managing pest threats to the state's resource lands. Doctors will tell you that the high incidence of cancer in this country is in part linked to poisons used to manage pests.

The OSU School of Agriculture has the expertise necessary to create a beneficial IPM program. HB 3364 has a very small fiscal impact, because agencies already devote resources to pest management. An IPM should prove to be cost-effective and increase efficiencies. Also the OSU School of Agriculture has pledged \$25,000 to assist with training and technology. This is appropriate because the State IPM Coordinator, a position assigned by the USDA, is a faculty member there. It was not necessary for HB 3364 to be referred to the House Ways and Means Committee.

Again we urge you to support HB 3364.

Thank you,

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