

From the Office of Sen. Floyd Prozanski



Vote YES on SB 800

Beyond Toxics, the Oregon Environmental Council, and the Oregon League of Conservation Voters urge your support for SB 800, which establishes an interim task force to further explore pesticide use reporting by state and local public entities and by public trainees.

Lack of information about pesticide use creates real problems. Public entities may inadvertently use pesticides in areas frequently used by children and elderly, who are known to be more sensitive to chemical exposure. When various pesticide applicators are unaware of what other applicators are doing, then work can be duplicated. Over-application of pesticides in certain areas can lead to detrimental effects on nearby neighbors. Further, when those effects are realized, it is often difficult or even impossible to find out the cause.

Please support SB 800 and establish the Interim Legislative Task Force on Pesticide Use Record Keeping and Reporting. This important topic needs deliberation, expertise, and a broad stakeholder process so that we can appropriately balance the need to combat invasive species with the need to minimize exposure to toxic chemicals.