

# House Concurrent Resolution 9

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## SUMMARY

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Recognizes importance of insect pollinators and urges support of programs to ensure safety and vitality of pollinator populations.

## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Whereas honey bees, native bees and other pollinators are essential to the production of many crops and seed; and

Whereas Oregon's insect-pollinated agricultural economy is an industry generating approximately \$600 million per year; and

Whereas it is estimated that pollinators are responsible for one out of every three bites of food that we eat; and

Whereas pollinators are vital to sustaining a healthy ecosystem; and

Whereas healthy pollinator populations are necessary to biodiversity; and

Whereas urban and rural beekeepers play an integral role in statewide agricultural production; and

Whereas pollinator populations have suffered significant and troubling losses over recent years; and

Whereas it is critical that homeowners, as well as agricultural producers, understand how their actions may negatively impact pollinator populations; now, therefore,

**Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:**

That we, the members of the Seventy-eighth Legislative Assembly, recognize the critical importance of pollinators to our food supply, agricultural production and environment; and be it further

Resolved, That we are committed to making pollinator health a priority by supporting existing programs and new opportunities to educate the public about pollinator health; and be it further

Resolved, That we urge all Oregonians to work together to support programs that ensure the safety and continued vitality of our pollinators.

**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.