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Subject: Re: SB 928 Support Requires labeling pesticide products containing neonicotinoids
Date: Sunday, March 26, 2017 8:22:50 AM

Dear Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources,

I feel very strongly about the destruction of the pollinators, because of neonicotinoids and other causes like habitat destruction by agriculture. I personally would like Oregon to stand strong and eliminate all use of the pesticide, Neonicotinoids. Last year I purchased Cosmos Flowering plants that was stated as being Neonicotinoid Free. But, the first bloom killed a Rusty Patch Bumble Bee. I threw the plants out and complained to plant sources. They swore they did not use neonicotinoid products on any of their plants. My conclusion was that they lied or there's another Pesticide causing the same problem. Oregon needs to do more research to protect Pollinator's. There are most likely other pesticides, causing similar consequences to pollinator's. I will never forget the image of the rare beautiful Rusty Patch Bumble Bee curled up on the flower, Dead. I asked before I bought the nursery stock, if there was any neonicotinoids use and was told no. But, the Rusty Patch Bumble Bee still died in the flower. Why is a very good question? Maybe, OSU can figure out the why's and what's?

Oregon must take action to stop the destruction of Pollinator's. They are on a very steep Decline. There is no time to ignore causes of Pollinator's Demise. Please take immediate action for stronger protection of greatly needed Pollinator's. OSU should do extensive research and education on possible pesticides that are causing Pollinator's Decline. Thank you for this committees consideration on Neonicotinoids Pesticides. The Rusty Patch Bumble Bee is the first listed Pollinator in the United States. There will be more listed in the following years. Rusty Patch Bumble Bee's are a Native Oregon Species. This will effect Oregon Economy and Agriculture. What is Oregon going to do to Protect the Rusty Patch Bubble Bee as an Endangered Species? Please support SB 928 regarding the Use and Labeling of Neonicotinoids Pesticides.

Sorry, I am not going to be able to attend the Committee meeting in person. I would very much like to be able to there. Thank you for accepting my letters as testimony. Oregon should take Emergency Action. The decline in pollinators is a grave situation. Pollinator's have been in a steep decline for awhile. There are very specific reasons for the decline of pollinator's. Chemicals and Habitat Destruction is the two leading causes, mostly by this agriculture industry and home owners. OSU could provide a source of education for both Business and the Public requiring proper training for any application. Large pollinators kills have happened because of lack of training, improper usage or human error. With Neonicotinoid pesticides, Pollinator's are very likely to die with any contact. Period. Back in the Sixties and Seventies, DDT was outlawed for very good reasons. Birds could not reproduce with DDT being used, due to thin shell breakage. The Usage of DDT was Stopped. Neonicotinoids

are Pollinator's Killers. Neonicotinoids should Stop.

Thank you for your full consideration and thoughts about the importance of SB 928. SB 928 should be amended to include OSU Extension Service to take Emergency Action for Research and Education.

Sincerely,

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Watershed Advocate

Endangered Rusty Patch Bumble Bee
The Xerces Society picture



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From: [SENR Exhibits](#)

To: [Cyndi Karp](#)

Sent: Friday, March 24, 2017 10:43 AM

Subject: RE: SB 928 Support Requires labeling pesticide products containing neonicotinoids

Thank you for your submission; It has been received and will be distributed to the committee members, posted on OLIS, and submitted for the record. If you plan to testify in person there is no need to bring paper copies.

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I strongly support all products that use Neonicotinoids be clearly labeled.
Please support SB 928 to label all products containing Neonicotinoids.
The General Public in Oregon also strongly support labeling Neonicotinoids.

Thank you

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