

Dear Chair: Senator Michael Dembrow – [Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources](#);  
Vice-Chair: Senator Alan Olsen  
Members: Senator Herman Baertschiger Jr.; Senator Floyd Prozanski;; Senator Arnie Roblan

I am a proponent of

1. Oregon Pollinator Protection Act - Oregon Pollinator Protection Act – SB 929 which requires State Department of Agriculture to classify neonicotinoids as restricted use pesticides. Requires department to restrict sale and use of pesticide products containing neonicotinoids. Creates exceptions. Requires that information concerning restrictions on neonicotinoid use be included in educational materials developed by Oregon State University and department.

Why: (a) **Native pollinators are a keystone species and play a critical role in sustaining 90% of Oregon's plant life;** (b) **Oregon's native pollinators are rapidly declining, and;** (c). Bee-killing pesticides are too toxic and persistent for the general public. They must be restricted to professional use only.

2. Toxics Reporting SB 995 which creates the opportunity for people and government to know what pollution goes into the air and water. Communities and public officials need this data to understand the location and risk of levels of toxic chemicals that damage human health and the environment.

Respectfully,

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