

Chair Michael Dembrow, Senate Environment & Natural Resources Committee  
Chair Brian Clem, House Agriculture & Land Use Committee

HB 3058 and SB 853: BANS CHLORPYRIFOS AND CLASSIFIES NEONICOTINOID  
INSECTICIDES AS RESTRICTED USE.

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Chairs Dembrow, Clem and Committee Members,

HB 3058 and SB 853 open the door to legislators making pesticide use decisions product-by-product instead of relying on the scientists and regulators at our state and federal agencies. This concerns me since perception of risk is dictating this legislation and not facts.

This legislation will completely ban the sale, distribution and use of all pesticide products containing chlorpyrifos. Chlorpyrifos can play a unique and important role in insect pest management in hazelnut orchards. While it may not be used every year, compared to other pest management tools, chlorpyrifos acts against a broad range of pests. On those years where insect pressure may be very high, it can be used within a rotation to manage insect resistance.

An additional concern is how HB 3058 and SB 853 will impact Oregon exports. Other countries and states have strong phytosanitary requirements. Hazelnut shipments exported to international markets can face rejection if an infestation of pests, such as the filbertworm, is found.

Chlorpyrifos and neonicotinoid insecticides are important components of Integrated Pest Management (IPM) programs. This approach utilizes pesticides as well as other tools to control pests. Growers may not use a product much or at all for a year or two, and then when insect population pressures change, we must look to that product again to save our crop and investment.

I would appreciate that the committee look past perceptions and talk to those individuals who manage our natural resources. I ask you to vote NO on HB 3058 and SB 853.

Thank you for the opportunity to write to you today.

Sincerely,

Matt Schuster