

HB 2619 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
House Committee On Energy and Environment

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Defines “neonicotinoid” as any chemical the Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) determines by rule to belong to the neonicotinoid class of chemical compounds, including:

- Acetamiprid;
- Clothianidin;
- Dinotefuran;
- Imidacloprid;
- Nithiazine;
- Thiacloprid; and
- Thiamethoxam.

Prohibits the sale, offer of sale, purchase, or use of a pesticide product containing a neonicotinoid. Directs ODA to immediately revoke any registration issued prior to effective date for a pesticide product containing a neonicotinoid.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 Replaces measure. Prohibits the sale, purchase, or use of a pesticide containing chlorpyrifos in the state of Oregon.

BACKGROUND:

Neonicotinoids are a type of pesticide that can be applied to either the plant or soil. Scientific studies have linked neonicotinoid pesticide use to the decline of honeybees, wild bees, and other pollinators. Currently, there is no federal ban on the use of neonicotinoid pesticides in the U.S.; however, several cities have adopted local restrictions. In 2014, Eugene, Oregon became the first city in the U.S. to ban the use of neonicotinoids within the city limits. Additionally, in 2013, the European Union (EU) enacted a partial ban on the use of three chemicals in the neonicotinoid class, and as of 2018, member states have voted in favor of an almost complete ban of neonicotinoid pesticides across the EU.

House Bill 2619 would prohibit the sale, offer of sale, purchase, or use in the state of any pesticide product containing a neonicotinoid and would revoke any registration previously issued for pesticide products containing a neonicotinoid.