I encourage you to vote in favor of HB 2409 to allow homeowners in HOAs to opt out of pesticide applications on an owners property

I am a former pesticide compliance and enforcement inspector from Nevada. I am well aware of the unintended consequences caused by pesticides which can include property damage, adverse health impacts to people, pets, and pollinators.

HB 2409 is similar to existing laws give home owners a choice about pesticide use near their property. For example, ODOT allows property owners/operators may opt out of herbicide applications for highway/roadside maintenance if they agree to maintain the roadside vegetation at their own cost (mechanical weed removal). Also, residents/property owners in mosquito abatement areas can request no spray near their property.

These opt out laws exist to protect sensitive crops, pollinators, livestock, and people.

It makes sense to modernize HOA statutes to give Oregon homeowners a choice to use less pesticides to maintain their property.

Please vote in favor of SB 2409

Thank you

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