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Senate Committee on Rules

Chair Wagner and Committee Members,

Thank you for hearing HB 4062, relating to licensing of pesticide applicators. With the amendment to establish a "noncommercial applicator" pesticide license type in statute, OFS is supportive of this bill.

OFS members had concerns with the original bill, which would have given authority to ODA to establish unspecified new license types by rule rather than by statute. The adopted -2 amendment addresses these concerns and provides important legislative oversight on the creation of a specific new license type.

OFS has many members who support and will benefit from the creation of this new license type, which will apply to applicators who are currently licensed as commercial applicators but who are not applying commercially. This new license type will also better align license categories with existing statutes.

Thank you,

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