

# **Legislative Concept to Modernize School Integrated Pest Management (IPM)**

## **LC 674: Toxic Free Schools**

**Chief Sponsors:** Representative Hudson

**Advocates:** A coalition of organizations Beyond Toxics, Our Children Oregon, Center for Food Safety, PCUN and others

**Main Purpose:** Amends ORS 634.700 and 634.705 to require that School Integrated Pest Management Plans and Low-Impact Pesticide Lists be reviewed and readopted by the School District every five years and made available to the public on a website. Adds school gardens in School Integrated Pest Management Plans.

**Problem we are solving:** Oregon's School Integrated Pest Management Law (IPM) passed the legislature in 2009 with an implementation deadline of 2012. Since that time, many Oregon school districts still do not have School IPM Plans as required by law, do not have an IPM Plan available on district websites, or have not updated School IPM plans in over 5 years. Many school districts do not have adopted low impact pesticide lists available as part of their IPM Plan or made accessible on their district website. No School IPM Plans in Oregon have a plan for school gardens. School IPM rules lack requirements to ensure consistency and transparency for students and parents.

**Solutions:** Toxics Free Schools protects school children's health by requiring a school district governing body to review and readopt School IPM Plans every 5 years to ensure the integrity of School IPM plans as training, pest management practices and the science of children's development continue to improve.