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First Hearing for the Oregon Pollinator Protection Act

SB 929 will be presented Monday, March 27, 2017 – 3 PM in Hearing Room C at the State Capitol

SALEM, ORE. – SB 929, the Oregon Pollinator Protection Act, will be heard before the Senate Committee for Environment and Natural Resources today, March 27th at 3 pm in Hearing Room C of the State Capitol in Salem.

Seven major bee die-offs occurred in Oregon just two years ago. In each case, the investigation conducted by the Department of Agriculture concluded that the cause of the deaths of hundreds of thousands of bees was due to exposure to neonicotinoids. Major bee declines have been documented around the world in recent years and the Rusty Patch Bumblebee has been officially listed as endangered.

Neonicotinoids are the most widely sold pesticide in the US. They are the active ingredient in common garden and lawn products. Neonicotinoids are water soluble, systemic pesticides, meaning they are taken up in the vascular system of a treated plant, thereby rendering the whole plant toxic. Systemic pesticides don't wash off. The toxic ingredients become part of the nectar, the pollen, and even the moisture, or sweat, of the plant. Bees are poisoned as they pollinate flowers.

SB 929, the Oregon Pollinator Protection Act will place necessary restrictions on neonicotinoid pesticides, adding them to the list of RESTRICTED USE pesticides. Oregon already has rules to keep nearly 500 dangerous pesticides out of the hands of untrained consumers. This bill does not change the availability of neonicotinoids to professional applicators, farmers, veterinarians, and vector control specialists who are trained and licensed.

See [this page](#) for more specifics about SB 929 now under consideration.

<http://www.beyondtoxics.org/2017-oregon-state-legislative-bills/oregon-pollinator-protection-act/>

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