

State Lawmakers Introduce New Bill to Protect Pollinators & People!



On Monday, Majority Leader Steve Fenberg introduced PPAN's bill to repeal Colorado's statutory preemption of local control of pesticide use. This [new bill](#) (SB20-189) would give municipalities the power to protect local public health, water and land—allowing local governments to manage pesticide use based on unique situations.

Such local policies are an effective way to protect the health of communities—particularly vulnerable populations such as children, the elderly, and those who are chronically-exposed to pesticides.

As well, raising awareness at the local level about the over- and mis-use of

pesticides in our environment and the dangers this poses to pollinators, birds, and other wildlife, will foster a more robust movement to protect the health of Colorado and *all* of its inhabitants.



“Even though pesticides can be effective in killing insects, weeds

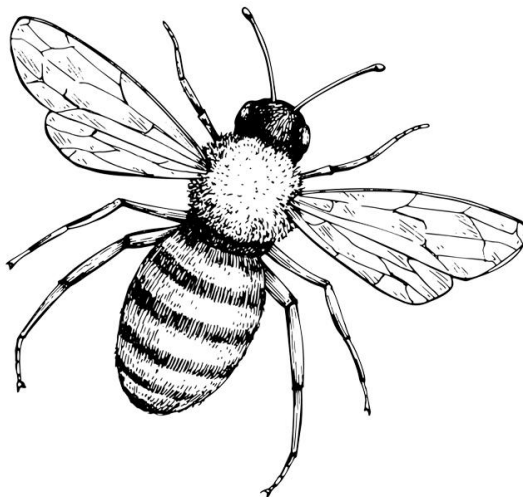
or other pests, they do pose a significant risk to people, pollinators, and other wildlife. Children, in particular, are at risk when they run and play outside. I call on Colorado legislators to protect my kids from the risks of pesticides when they play outside. *The American Academy of Pediatrics* noted [robust evidence](#) linking pesticide exposure to pediatric cancers and adverse neurodevelopment, including reductions in IQ and attention/hyperactivity disorder. I'd rather have my child step on a thorn in the grass than be exposed to those risks."

~Amy Kenreich, Denver resident and parent

If SB20-189 passes, local governments and voters could decide to restrict the use of specific pesticides beyond current drinking water limits, create a pesticide-free buffer around facilities with vulnerable populations, such as preschools, hospitals or nursing homes, and protect fragile ecosystems. In addition, municipalities could require informational signage in retail stores selling bee-toxic pesticides or plants treated with them.

There are 14 U.S. states that expressly allow local government regulation over some aspects of pesticide use and application, or at least do not preempt such regulation.

[Keep track](#) of SB20-189 and *Environment Colorado's* proposed Colorado Pollinator Protection Act ([Bill HB20-1180](#))—which heads to the *House Energy and Environment Committee* for its first hearing on **March 5th!**



TAKE ACTION TODAY!

- Track the bill [here](#) to stay informed of its progress and committee hearing dates!

- Endorse the bill [here](#). Do you represent an organization or company or know of one that would endorse this bill? [Email us!](#)

- Email your legislators to encourage them to support this bill. Find your

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Then support PPAN's legislative efforts [here!](#) *It takes a village!*

Please consider making a [one-time](#) or [monthly](#) contribution to PPAN to support the Pesticide Preemption Repeal Bill!

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The intent of this bill is to focus on what we can do in the urban and suburban environments in regards to the use of toxic pesticides. As we work on long-term comprehensive solutions to protect pollinators, we believe that this bill is an essential first step in reducing pesticide use at the community level.

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