
Hello IPM advocates,

We hope 2006 is going well for you all. February's monthly update contains one item of business only: rather ground-breaking legislation (SB 1350) which Dr. Dawn Gouge has helped put forward regarding IPM in schools and child care facilities.

In a nut-shell:

- 1) The bill folds child care facilities into the existing school pesticide application notification legislation;**
- 2) Provides sensible exemptions from the notification rules to both. The exemptions will immediately reduce notification burdens on facilities who implement good Integrated Pest Management practices.**

Results in:

- 1) An incentive for reduced-risk pest management in child care facilities
- 2) Reduced notification and posting burden for school districts

Attached are a fact sheet summary and the proposed legislation. We are asking anyone who would be willing to offer support at the legislative hearing (1:30 pm Monday Feb. 6th) to please contact us for more details. Testimonials from you – from administrators to IPM Specialists and pest management professionals – are critical for the support of this bill. Warm bodies capable of holding us up are also very welcome.

Please forward this to other interested parties, and give us a call if you have any questions.

Thanks all,

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