

State Legislative Bills Week of April 18, 2016

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| GMO Labeling | Over 900 bills have been filed relating to GMOs. Most are waiting to see what Congress is going to do | | | | | |
| Seed Libraries | California (AB 1810) - Heard last week | | Illinois (SB 3130) - Hearing last Thursday, discussions on -going with sponsor to substitute language | | | |
| Arbitration | Tennessee (HB 2388) - Disallows arbitration clauses in consumer contracts, never heard | | Washington (HB 2335) - Would repeal the state's arbitration law, pulled with expectations of a re-write next session | | | |
| Miscellaneous | California (AB 2487) - Requires the Seed Advisory Board to do a comprehensive review of the seed program, including a review of the seed laboratory, and report to the CDFA secretary by July 1, 2018. Passed. | | Georgia (HB 1030) - Changes the membership of the Georgia Seed Development Commission to be more representative of the seed industry. Passed. | | Idaho (H 389) - Moves seed up in the lien law line. Passed. | Kansas (HB 2479 / SB 34) - Moves the authority of the noxious weed law from the legislature to the KS Dept of Ag. Ag supports. Moving slow. |
| Preemption | Alabama (SB 58) - Signed by the Governor | Kentucky (HB 497) - Now law | Mississippi (SB 2209) - Sitting on the Governor's desk | Tennessee (HB 1946) - Passed House | Oregon (HB 4122) [a repeal of the state's existing preemption law] - Gutted and stuffed to require GE salmon labeling - failed to pass | |
| Neonics | Minnesota (rule) | California (SB 1282) - Because a violation of the regulations adopted pursuant to the bill's provisions would be a misdemeanor, it would impose a state-mandated local program. hearing set for 4/20. | Hawaii (HB 1594 / HB 1687 / SB 2268) - Bans - all currently under consideration | Illinois (HB 5900 SB 2965) - Creates the Saving Illinois' Pollinators Act. Not moving. | Maryland (HB 211 / SB 198) -- Restricts use except by licensed applicator. Moving | Vermont (H 861) -- Effectively bans articles treated with pesticides. Seed not specifically mentioned. Moved through House; waiting for hearing in Senate Ag Committee. |