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Summary

This bill would modify when plants and other nursery stock may be labeled or advertised as pollinator-friendly.

Under current law, a retailer cannot promote a plant as beneficial to pollinators if (1) the plant was treated with a systemic insecticide identified by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as posing a risk to bees and other insect pollinators, and (2) the concentration of the pesticide in the plant's flowers exceeds the "no observed adverse effect level," defined as the EPA's acute oral toxicity level for adult honeybees.

H.F. 1497 would apply this labeling and advertising restriction to wholesalers and other nonretailers as well. It would also lower the threshold to the "detectable level" of the pesticide.