

State Legislative Bills Week of April 18, 2016

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.