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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO ESTABLISH AN  
AGRICULTURAL PESTICIDE DISPOSAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

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1           WHEREAS, responsible environmental stewardship requires  
2 management and supervision of the safe collection and lawful  
3 disposal of banned, outdated, or unwanted pesticides; and  
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5           WHEREAS, it is illegal to dispose of agricultural  
6 pesticides in sanitary landfills but there are currently no  
7 options for disposal of these substances within the state; and  
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9           WHEREAS, a Pesticide Disposal Assistance Program (Disposal  
10 Program) would promote a safer and cleaner Hawaii environment by  
11 reducing the amount of pesticides that, without such a program,  
12 could potentially contaminate the drinking water, groundwater,  
13 streams, rivers, and land across the state; and  
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15           WHEREAS, according to a recent United States Environmental  
16 Protection Agency publication on pesticide disposal programs  
17 nationwide, there are currently 33 states with permanent  
18 programs and 13 others working toward establishing permanent  
19 programs in their states; now, therefore,  
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21           BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
22 Twenty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
23 of 2006, the Senate concurring, that the Department of  
24 Agriculture (DOA) is requested to establish a Disposal Program  
25 to provide an available, affordable, and environmentally  
26 accessible mechanism by which any farmer in the state can  
27 properly dispose of unwanted or unusable pesticides; and



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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that DOA is requested to secure adequate funding, including federal or state sources to support this urgently-needed environmental stewardship effort; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that DOA is also requested to create a task force to include representatives from:

- (1) The Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation;
- (2) The Hawaii Agriculture Research Center;
- (3) The Department of Health; and
- (4) The University of Hawaii College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources Extension Pesticides Program,

to coordinate the establishment of the proposed Disposal Program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Department of Agriculture, Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation, Hawaii Agriculture Research Center, Department of Health, and the University of Hawaii College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources.

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