
HOUSE RESOLUTION

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

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3 disposal of banned, outdated, or unwanted pesticides; and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, although it is illegal to dispose of agricultural
6 pesticides in sanitary landfills, there are currently no options
7 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, pesticide users who control pests in and around
16 structures are confronted with similar challenges in the
17 disposal of their containers and it is desirable to extend the
18 promotion of a safer and cleaner Hawaii environment by including
19 these containers in a Disposal Program as well; and
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21 WHEREAS, according to a recent United States Environmental
22 Protection Agency publication on pesticide disposal programs
23 nationwide, there are currently 33 states with permanent
24 programs and 13 others working toward establishing permanent
25 programs in their states; now, therefore,
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27 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
28 Twenty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
29 of 2006, that the Department of Agriculture (DOA) is requested
30 to establish a Disposal Program to provide an available,
31 affordable, and environmentally accessible mechanism by which
32 any farmer in the state can properly dispose of unwanted or
33 unusable pesticides; and



1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that DOA is requested to secure
2 adequate funding, including federal or state sources to support
3 this urgently-needed environmental stewardship effort; and
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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Pesticide Advisory Committee
6 in the DOA is requested to study the establishment of the proposed
7 Disposal Program, in consultation with:
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9 (1) A representative from each county; and
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11 (2) A representative from the pesticide industry;
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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Pesticides Advisory
16 Committee is requested to submit a report of its findings and
17 recommendations to the Legislature no later than 20 days prior
18 to the convening of the Regular Session of 2007; and
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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
21 Resolution be transmitted to the DOA, Hawaii Farm Bureau
22 Federation, Hawaii Agriculture Research Center, Department of
23 Health, and the University of Hawaii College of Tropical
24 Agriculture and Human Resources.
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