
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO STUDY THE IMPACT OF WASTE-DERIVED FERTILIZERS, ANIMAL FEED, SOIL AMENDMENTS, AGRICULTURAL MINERALS, AUXILIARY SOIL, AND PLANT SUBSTANCES ON THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF CONSUMERS, FARMERS, AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

1 WHEREAS, the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976
2 was enacted to properly dispose of hazardous waste; and

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4 WHEREAS, some agricultural products such as waste-derived
5 fertilizers, animal feed, soil amendments, agricultural
6 minerals, auxiliary soil, and plant substances may contain high
7 levels of heavy metals and other toxic byproducts; and

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9 WHEREAS, the federal government does not regulate
10 agricultural products, which are mainly regulated on a state-by-
11 state basis; and

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13 WHEREAS, there are conflicting claims on the allowable
14 levels of hazardous wastes in waste-derived fertilizers, animal
15 feed, soil amendments, agricultural minerals, auxiliary soil,
16 and plant substances, as there are no nationally recognized
17 standards for additives in those products and state regulations
18 appear to allow toxic byproducts in them; now, therefore,

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20 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
21 Twenty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
22 of 2006, that the Department of Health is requested to study the
23 impact of waste-derived fertilizers, animal feed, soil
24 amendments, agricultural minerals, auxiliary soil, and plant
25 substances on the health and safety of consumers, farmers, and
26 the general public; and

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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Health is
29 requested to invite the participation of representatives from
30 the Department of Agriculture, the federal Environmental
31 Protection Agency, industry representatives, and interested
32 organizations in its study; and



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2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Health is
3 requested to report its findings and recommendations and any
4 proposed legislation to address hazardous waste in fertilizers,
5 animal feed, soil amendments, agricultural minerals, auxiliary
6 soil, and plant substances to the Legislature not later than
7 twenty days before the convening of the Regular Session of 2007;
8 and

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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
11 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the Director of
12 Health, and the Chairperson of the Board of Agriculture.

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OFFERED BY: *Wm. J. ...*

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