
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO STUDY THE IMPACT OF HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES IN 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 by-products; 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 by-products 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 (DOH) is requested to
23 study the impact of hazardous substances in fertilizers, animal
24 feed, soil amendments, agricultural minerals, auxiliary soil,
25 and plant substances on the health and safety of consumers,
26 farmers, and the general public; and

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



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

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

