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# SENATE CONCURRENT 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3 disposal of banned, outdated, or unwanted pesticides; and  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 pesticide containers and it is desirable to  
18 extend the promotion of a safer and cleaner Hawaii environment  
19 by including 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 pesticide disposal programs and 13 others working toward  
25 establishing permanent 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, the Senate concurring, that the Department of  
30 Agriculture (DOA) is requested to establish a Disposal Program  
31 to provide an available, affordable, and environmentally  
32 accessible mechanism by which any farmer in the state can  
33 properly dispose of unwanted or 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 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the DOA, Hawaii Farm  
22 Bureau Federation, Hawaii Agriculture Research Center,  
23 Department of Health, and the University of Hawaii College of  
24 Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources.

