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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HERBICIDES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The maintenance of roadsides currently involves
2 the use of herbicides. There is growing evidence that the long-
3 term use of certain herbicides is harmful to human health, and
4 there is concern about their contribution to nonpoint source
5 pollution of streams, coastal water, and groundwater. Many
6 jurisdictions in other parts of the country have banned the use
7 of certain herbicides and adopted integrated vegetation control
8 management programs for these reasons.

9 The purpose of this Act is to prohibit the use of
10 herbicides containing glyphosate, picloram, and atrazine in
11 public roadside maintenance and to require the use of non-
12 chemical methods.

13 SECTION 2. Chapter 264, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
14 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
15 and to read as follows:

16 "§264- Herbicide use along public roadsides. (a) Use
17 of herbicides that contain atrazine, glyphosate, or picloram in
18 maintaining public roadsides shall be terminated in accordance



1 with the schedule provided in subsection (b). All departments
2 and agencies responsible for the maintenance of public roadsides
3 shall adopt non-chemical and integrated vegetation management
4 programs.

5 (b) Use of herbicides that contain atrazine, glyphosate,
6 or picloram along public roadsides shall be reduced by:

- 7 (1) Twenty-five per cent by January 1, 2007;
8 (2) Fifty per cent by January 1, 2008; and
9 (3) One hundred per cent by January 1, 2009."

10 SECTION 3. Chapter 46, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended
11 by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to
12 read as follows:

13 "§46- Herbicide use along public roadsides. (a) Use of
14 herbicides that contain atrazine, glyphosate, or picloram in
15 maintaining public roadsides shall be terminated in accordance
16 with the schedule provided in subsection (b). All departments
17 and agencies responsible for the maintenance of public roadsides
18 shall adopt non-chemical and integrated vegetation management
19 programs.

20 (b) Use of herbicides that contain atrazine, glyphosate,
21 or picloram along public roadsides shall be reduced by:

- 22 (1) Twenty-five per cent by January 1, 2007;

- 1 (2) Fifty per cent by January 1, 2008; and
- 2 (3) One hundred per cent by January 1, 2009."

3 SECTION 4. The department of transportation and each
 4 county shall submit a report that outlines steps taken to comply
 5 with this Act no later than twenty days before the convening of
 6 the regular session of 2008.

7 SECTION 5. New statutory material is underscored.

8 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Roadside Herbicide Use

Description:

Eliminates the use of herbicides that contain atrazine, glyphosate, or picloram along all public roadsides.

