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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3 disposal of banned, outdated, or unwanted pesticides; and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, it is illegal to dispose of agricultural
6 pesticides in sanitary landfills but there are currently no
7 options 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, according to a recent United States Environmental
16 Protection Agency publication on pesticide disposal programs
17 nationwide, there are currently 33 states with permanent
18 programs and 13 others working toward establishing permanent
19 programs in their states; now, therefore,
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21 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-third
22 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2006, the
23 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of
24 Agriculture (DOA) is requested to establish a Disposal Program
25 to provide an available, affordable, and environmentally
26 accessible mechanism by which any farmer in the state can
27 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 DOA is also requested to create
6 a task force to include representatives from:

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- 8 (1) The Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation;
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- 10 (2) The Hawaii Agriculture Research Center;
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- 12 (3) The Department of Health; and
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- 14 (4) The University of Hawaii College of Tropical
15 Agriculture and Human Resources Extension Pesticides
16 Program,

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18 to coordinate the establishment of the proposed Disposal Program;
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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
22 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Department of
23 Agriculture, Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation, Hawaii Agriculture
24 Research Center, Department of Health, and the University of
25 Hawaii College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources.
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