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## SENATE 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3 disposal of banned, outdated, or unwanted pesticides; and  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,  
23 that the Department of Agriculture (DOA) is requested to  
24 establish a Disposal Program to provide an available,  
25 affordable, and environmentally accessible mechanism by which  
26 any farmer in the state can properly dispose of unwanted or  
27 unusable pesticides; and  
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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that DOA is requested to secure  
30 adequate funding, including federal or state sources to support  
31 this urgently-needed environmental stewardship effort; and  
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that DOA is also requested to create  
2 a task force to include representatives from:

- 3 (1) The Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation;
- 4 (2) The Hawaii Agriculture Research Center;
- 5 (3) The Department of Health; and
- 6 (4) The University of Hawaii College of Tropical  
7 Agriculture and Human Resources Extension Pesticides  
8 Program,

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10 to coordinate the establishment of the proposed Disposal Program;  
11 and

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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
15 Resolution be transmitted to the Department of Agriculture,  
16 Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation, Hawaii Agriculture Research  
17 Center, Department of Health, and the University of Hawaii  
18 College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources.  
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