
SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE PESTICIDES ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO ASSIST THE
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE WITH ESTABLISHING 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3 disposal of banned, outdated, or unwanted pesticides; and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 thirty-three states with
18 permanent programs and thirteen others working toward
19 establishing permanent programs; 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 Pesticides Advisory Committee is requested to assist
24 the Department of Agriculture with establishing a Disposal
25 Program 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
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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Pesticides Advisory
30 Committee is requested to assist the Department of Agriculture
31 with securing adequate funding, including federal or state
32 sources to support this urgently-needed environmental
33 stewardship effort; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Disposal Program should
2 provide some form of amnesty for the disposal of pesticides that
3 may otherwise be illegal or banned; and
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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
6 Resolution be transmitted to the Department of Agriculture and
7 the Pesticides Advisory Committee.

