

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

APR - 5 2006

RE: S.C.R. No. 159
S.D. 1

Honorable Robert Bunda
President of the Senate
Twenty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2006
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Energy, Environment, and International Affairs and Water, Land, and Agriculture, to which was referred S.C.R. No. 159 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO ESTABLISH AN AGRICULTURAL PESTICIDE DISPOSAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request the Department of Agriculture to establish an Agricultural Pesticide Disposal Assistance Program.

The Department of Agriculture, the Hawaii Farm Bureau, the Maui County Farm Bureau, the Hawaii Crop Improvement Association, the Hawaii Agriculture Research Center, the Hawaiian Alliance for Responsible Technology and Science, C & H Farms, and Hawaii Pest Control Association submitted testimony in support of this measure.

It is illegal to dispose of agricultural pesticides in sanitary landfills, but there are currently no options for disposal of these substances within the State. Your Committees find that a Pesticide Disposal Assistance Program would promote a safer, cleaner environment by reducing the amount of pesticides that, without such a program, could potentially contaminate the drinking water, waterways, and land across the State.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

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- (1) Eliminating the creation of a new task force;
- (2) Requesting the existing Pesticides Advisory Committee to assist the Department of Agriculture with:
 - (A) Establishing an Agricultural Pesticide Disposal Assistance Program; and
 - (B) Securing adequate funding, including federal or state sources;
- (3) Requesting that the disposal program provide some form of amnesty for the disposal of pesticides that may otherwise be illegal or banned; and
- (4) Making technical, non-substantive changes for clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committees considered the Hawaii Pest Control Association's testimony, and notes that the scope of the disposal program could be expanded to include the disposal of pesticide containers used by other pesticide users.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Energy, Environment, and International Affairs and Water, Land, and Agriculture that are attached to this report, your Committees concur with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 159, as amended herein, and recommend its adoption in the form attached hereto as S.C.R. No. 159, S.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Energy,
Environment, and International
Affairs and Water, Land, and
Agriculture,


RUSSELL S. KOKUBUN, Chair


J. KALANI ENGLISH, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Third Legislature
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Record of Votes of the
 Committee on Water, Land and Agriculture
 (Bills and Resolutions)

Measure:* <i>SCR 159</i>	Committee Referral: <i>EIA/WCA</i>	Date: <i>3/29/06</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is to:				
<input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (2312) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (2311) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold (2310) <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit (2313)				
Members	Ayes	Ayes(WR)	Nays	Excused
KOKUBUN, Russell S. (C)	/			
HOOSER, Gary L. (VC)				/
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	/			
FUKUNAGA, Carol				/
HEMMINGS, Fred	/			
TOTAL	<i>3</i>	<i>28</i>		<i>2</i>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align:center;"><i>Russell S. Kohl</i></div>				
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