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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PESTICIDES.

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

1           SECTION 1. Chapter 149A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated  
3 and to read as follows:

4           "§149A- Pesticide information signs. (a) Every  
5 retailer in the State who sells pesticides to the public shall  
6 post a warning sign with respect to the sale of pesticides,  
7 pursuant to rules adopted by the department of agriculture;  
8 provided that retailers may post the warning sign or place the  
9 warning sign at the product display areas.

10           (b) The department of agriculture shall adopt rules  
11 pursuant to chapter 91 and subsection (a) to require the posting  
12 of pesticide warning signs containing but not limited to the  
13 following information:

- 14           (1) The proper handling, storage, and disposal of all  
15 pesticides sold;  
16           (2) Emergency telephone numbers to call in case of  
17 poisoning from the pesticides; and



1       (3) Any other related information the department deems  
2           helpful and appropriate for consumers.

3       The department may also adopt any other rules pursuant to  
4       chapter 91 necessary to effectuate this section, including rules  
5       relating to the size and placement of warning signs."

6       SECTION 2. Section 149A-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
7       amended by adding a new definition to be appropriately inserted  
8       and to read as follows:

9       "Distribute or sell" means to distribute, sell, offer for  
10       sale, hold for distribution, hold for sale, hold for shipment,  
11       ship, deliver for shipment, release for shipment, or receive and  
12       deliver or offer to deliver; provided that the term does not  
13       include the holding or application of registered pesticides or  
14       the use of dilutions of registered pesticides by any applicator  
15       who provides a service of controlling pests without delivering  
16       any applied pesticide to any person so served."

17       SECTION 3. This Act does not affect rights and duties that  
18       matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were  
19       begun, before its effective date.

20       SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

21       SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2020.



**Report Title:**

Pesticides; Signs; Department of Agriculture

**Description:**

Requires retailers of pesticides to post signs informing consumers of the proper handling, storage, and disposal of pesticides and information regarding poisoning from the pesticides. Requires the department of agriculture to adopt rules to regulate the signs. Effective July 1, 2020. (SD1)

