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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. The legislature finds that, although pesticides  
2 can help limit the environmental and economic damage that can be  
3 caused by insects, weeds, and plant diseases, they can also pose  
4 tremendous risks to human health and the environment.

5           The purpose of this Act is to protect children from the  
6 dangers associated with pesticide exposure by establishing a  
7 working group to develop an action plan for addressing incidents  
8 of pesticide exposure at public schools and a monitoring program  
9 for affected schools.

10          SECTION 2. (a) There is established within the department  
11 of agriculture a working group on pesticide use in proximity to  
12 schools that shall be comprised of:

13           (1) The advisory committee on pesticides established  
14           pursuant to section 149A-51, Hawaii Revised Statutes;  
15           and

16           (2) Two representatives of the department of education,  
17           which shall include a school administrator and a



1 teacher from school districts that contain schools  
2 located in close proximity to areas where commercial  
3 application has or is likely to occur.

4 (b) The working group on pesticide use in proximity to  
5 schools shall:

- 6 (1) Develop an action plan for addressing adverse  
7 incidents of pesticide exposure at public schools;
- 8 (2) Develop a monitoring program for affected schools;
- 9 (3) Investigate and issue findings, that include  
10 conditions and requirements under which commercial  
11 application may resume, on adverse incidents of  
12 pesticide exposure at public schools;
- 13 (4) Study the effects of the use of pesticides in the  
14 proximity of schools, including determining the  
15 necessity and propriety of establishing a pesticide-  
16 free buffer zone around schools and the extent of such  
17 buffer zone;
- 18 (5) Determine what, if any, restrictions are necessary for  
19 the use of EPA category I and II and restricted and  
20 other pesticides within close proximity to schools;  
21 and



1           (6) Make recommendations to the legislature on pesticide  
2           usage or restrictions in proximity to schools and  
3           necessary changes to the law.

4           (c) The working group on pesticide use in proximity to  
5 schools shall submit its findings and recommendations to the  
6 legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of  
7 the regular session of 2009; provided that an earlier or  
8 additional report may be submitted to the legislature, as  
9 necessary, to address pressing issues.

10           SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



**Report Title:**

Pesticides; Schools; Working Group

**Description:**

Establishes a working group to make recommendations on implementing the pesticide buffer zones and related issues in the close proximity to schools. (SD1)

