
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION NOT TO USE ANY TYPE OF
PESTICIDE OR HERBICIDE ON ANY SCHOOL PROPERTY.

1 WHEREAS, although pesticides and herbicides can help limit
2 the environmental and economic damage that can be caused by
3 insects, weeds, and plant diseases, they can also pose serious
4 risks to human health and the environment; and

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6 WHEREAS, children are particularly susceptible to pesticide
7 and herbicide exposure, since their bodies are undergoing rapid
8 development; and

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10 WHEREAS, numerous scientific studies have linked both
11 cancer and asthma to pesticide and herbicide exposure; and

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13 WHEREAS, childhood cancer is increasing at an alarming
14 rate; and

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16 WHEREAS, the incidence of asthma is also increasing and is
17 the nation's leading cause of absenteeism among school children
18 with chronic illnesses; and

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20 WHEREAS, children can be exposed to pesticides and
21 herbicides that are carried on tiny bits of airborne pollen; and

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23 WHEREAS, pesticides and herbicides can also contaminate
24 water runoff or seep into the ground; and

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26 WHEREAS, there is a need to protect children from the
27 potential dangers associated with pesticide and herbicide
28 exposure; now, therefore,

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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
2 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
3 Session of 2014, the Senate concurring, that the Department of
4 Education is urged to not use any type of pesticide or herbicide
5 on any school property; and

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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
8 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the
9 Board of Education and the Superintendent of Education.

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