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## HOUSE 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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30           BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
31 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
32 Session of 2014, that the Department of Education is urged to



1 not use any type of pesticide or herbicide on any school  
2 property; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
5 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of  
6 Education and the Superintendent of Education.

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OFFERED BY: Mrs. E. Lowen

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