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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE REGULATION OF PESTICIDES.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that many Hawaii
2 residents are becoming increasingly concerned about restricted
3 use pesticides applied by major seed companies. The Hawaii
4 Pesticides Law, Chapter 149A, Hawaii Revised Statutes,
5 authorizes the department of agriculture to regulate the sale
6 and use of pesticides and provides a framework to properly
7 address these public concerns.

8 The legislature further finds that in 2010, the State was
9 faced with a significant reduction in force, which resulted in
10 the elimination of personnel positions needed to administer
11 Chapter 149A and perform required testing of restricted use
12 pesticides. The reduction in force was primarily due to the
13 fiscal crisis the State experienced at that time. However, the
14 reduction created an adverse effect on the overall economy as
15 government services were significantly reduced.

16 To properly address concerns raised by the public, and in
17 the interest of public health, safety, and welfare, it is of
18 utmost importance that appropriate staffing levels be committed



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1 and restored so the department of agriculture can properly
 2 administer and regulate restricted use pesticides, in accordance
 3 with the Hawaii Pesticides Law. An appropriation of \$555,000
 4 supports an additional three inspector positions for the
 5 department of agriculture, including fringe benefits.

6 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
 7 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$555,000 or so much
 8 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2014-2015 for the
 9 department of agriculture to carry out the purposes of this Act,
 10 including the hiring of necessary staff.

11 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
 12 agriculture.

13 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.
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Report Title:

Pesticides; Regulation; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates funds for pesticide regulation.

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