
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 pesticides.
3 The Hawaii pesticides law, chapter 149A, Hawaii Revised
4 Statutes, authorizes the department of agriculture to regulate
5 the sale and use of pesticides and provides a framework for
6 properly addressing these public concerns.

7 The legislature also finds that the Hawaii pesticides law
8 authorizes the department of agriculture to develop integrated
9 pest management strategies. Integrated pest management is a
10 sustainable approach to managing pests in a way that minimizes
11 health and environmental risks. In integrated pest management,
12 pesticides are used only when needed and in combination with
13 other approaches for more effective, long-term control.

14 The legislature further finds that from 2009 through 2010,
15 the State was faced with a significant reduction in force, which
16 resulted in the elimination of personnel positions needed to
17 administer chapter 149A, Hawaii Revised Statutes. The reduction
18 in force was due primarily to the fiscal crisis that the State



1 was experiencing at that time. However, the reduction adversely
2 affected the overall economy by significantly reducing
3 government services.

4 To properly address public concerns, and in the interest of
5 public health, safety, and welfare, it is of utmost importance
6 that appropriate staffing levels be committed and restored so
7 that the department of agriculture can properly administer and
8 regulate pesticides in accordance with the Hawaii pesticides
9 law. An appropriation of \$ supports an additional eight
10 positions for the department of agriculture, including fringe
11 benefits.

12 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
13 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
14 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2014-2015 for the
15 department of agriculture to carry out the purposes of this Act,
16 including the hiring of:

17 (1) Two full-time equivalent (FTE) positions for
18 educational outreach to interface with regulated users
19 and the public to create a better understanding of
20 pesticide use and reduce pesticide misuse; and



1 (2) Six full-time equivalent (FTE) positions to supplement
2 the work of inspectors on each island of the State and
3 assist in the processing of investigative reports,
4 including fringe benefits.

5 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
6 agriculture.

7 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



Report Title:

Pesticides; Regulation; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates funds to facilitate increased pesticide education and regulation. Effective 7/1/2050. (HD1)

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