
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 for properly
7 addressing 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, Hawaii Revised Statutes, and perform the required
12 testing of restricted use pesticides. The reduction in force
13 was due primarily to the fiscal crisis that the State was
14 experiencing at that time. However, the reduction adversely
15 affected the overall economy by significantly reducing
16 government services.

17 To properly address public concerns, and in the interest of
18 public health, safety, and welfare, it is of utmost importance



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

7 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the pesticide use
8 revolving fund established by section 149A-13.5, Hawaii Revised
9 Statutes, the sum of \$ or so much thereof as may be
10 necessary for fiscal year 2014-2015 for the department of
11 agriculture to carry out the purposes of this Act, including the
12 hiring of three full-time equivalent (FTE) pesticide inspector
13 positions, including fringe benefits.

14 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
15 agriculture.

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



Report Title:

Pesticides; Regulation; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates funds from the pesticide use revolving fund to facilitate increased pesticide regulation. Effective 7/1/2050.
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