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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE JOINT FACT FINDING STUDY  
GROUP'S RECOMMENDATIONS FOR A CONCERTED STATEWIDE EFFORT  
FOR PESTICIDE MONITORING AND OVERSIGHT.

1           WHEREAS, in March 2016, the Joint Fact Finding Study Group  
2 established by the Hawaii State Department of Agriculture and  
3 County of Kauai Mayor released a draft report of its findings  
4 and recommendations on pesticide use by large agribusinesses on  
5 Kauai; and

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7           WHEREAS, the Joint Fact Finding Study Group considered data  
8 related to:

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10           (1) The amount of land used by agribusinesses;  
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12           (2) Pesticide usage by large agribusinesses;  
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14           (3) Evidence of environmental harm from agricultural  
15 pesticide use;  
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17           (4) Evidence of human health harms from agricultural  
18 pesticide use; and  
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20           (5) Existing governmental oversight and regulation  
21 concerning agricultural pesticide use; and  
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23           WHEREAS, the Joint Fact Finding Study Group noted that its  
24 findings and recommendations are hampered by the lack of  
25 exposure data, limited health and environmental data, limited  
26 access to proprietary information, and limited access to  
27 pesticide use data; and  
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1           WHEREAS, based on the available data and literature, the  
2 Joint Fact Finding Study Group found "important indications that  
3 signal Hawaii's political, regulatory, and community leaders  
4 need to be far more attentive to pesticide issues"; and  
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6           WHEREAS, based on the available data and literature, the  
7 Joint Fact Finding Study Group found there to be "a compelling  
8 case for the need to collect better data in the future and, most  
9 importantly, to systematically test the environment and  
10 population" for possible pesticide exposure; and  
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12           WHEREAS, the Joint Fact Finding Study Group recommended  
13 measures be undertaken by the Office of the Governor, Department  
14 of Agriculture, Department of Health, Department of Education,  
15 Department of Land and Natural Resources, and Office of Hawaiian  
16 Affairs to fill significant gaps in the State's existing  
17 understanding of pesticides; now, therefore,  
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19           BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
20 Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
21 Session of 2016, the Senate concurring, that the Office of the  
22 Governor, Department of Agriculture, Department of Health,  
23 Department of Education, Department of Land and Natural  
24 Resources, and Office of Hawaiian Affairs are respectfully urged  
25 to implement the recommendations pertaining to their respective  
26 offices and agencies as described in the draft report of the  
27 Joint Fact Finding Study Group entitled, "Pesticide Use by Large  
28 Agribusinesses on Kauai," March 2016, to expand current missions  
29 and fill missing data gaps in the existing statewide  
30 understanding and oversight of agricultural pesticide use and  
31 its implications on human health and environmental safety; and  
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33           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
34 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor,  
35 Chairperson of the Board of Agriculture, Director of Health,  
36 Superintendent of Education, Chairperson of the Board of  
37 Education, Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural



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1 Resources, and Chairperson of the Board of Trustees of the  
2 Office of Hawaiian Affairs.

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