
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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4 REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO MONITOR PESTICIDE DRIFT.
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7 WHEREAS, Hawaii does not have a regulatory structure in
8 place to monitor pesticide drift; and
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10 WHEREAS, drift from restricted use pesticides may have
11 lingering effects on the environment long after the initial
12 exposure; and
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14 WHEREAS, pesticide drift is governed by a variety of
15 factors which determine how much of the pesticide application
16 deposits on surfaces where contact with residues can eventually
17 lead to indirect exposures; and
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19 WHEREAS, the United States Environmental Protection Agency
20 classifies pesticides as restricted use pesticides if they are
21 determined to cause "unreasonable adverse effects on the
22 environment" when used "without additional regulatory
23 restrictions"; and
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25 WHEREAS, an example of pesticide drift is children playing
26 on lawns that are next to treated fields and where residues have
27 deposited; and
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29 WHEREAS, the American Academy of Pediatrics in a report
30 entitled "Pesticide Exposure in Children," which reviewed 195
31 medical studies, stated that pesticides may be linked to
32 childhood cancers, neurobehavioral and cognitive deficits,
33 adverse birth outcomes, and asthma; and
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35 WHEREAS, residents of three Hawai'i counties have demanded
36 that their local governments take action under the counties'
37 authority to regulate agriculture, ensure the welfare of its
38 residents, and fulfill its duty to protect public resources;
39 now, therefore,



