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## HOUSE 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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29           WHEREAS, based on the available data and literature, the  
30 Joint Fact Finding Study Group found "important indications that



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