
HOUSE RESOLUTION

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3 REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO MONITOR PESTICIDE DRIFT.
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6 WHEREAS, Hawaii does not have a regulatory structure in
7 place to monitor pesticide drift; and
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9 WHEREAS, drift from restricted use pesticides may have
10 lingering effects on the environment long after the initial
11 exposure; and
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13 WHEREAS, pesticide drift is governed by a variety of
14 factors which determine how much of the pesticide application
15 deposits on surfaces where contact with residues can eventually
16 lead to indirect exposures; and
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18 WHEREAS, the United States Environmental Protection Agency
19 classifies pesticides as restricted use pesticides if they are
20 determined to cause "unreasonable adverse effects on the
21 environment" when used "without additional regulatory
22 restrictions"; and
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24 WHEREAS, an example of pesticide drift is children playing
25 on lawns that are next to treated fields and where residues have
26 deposited; and
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28 WHEREAS, the American Academy of Pediatrics in a report
29 entitled "Pesticide Exposure in Children," which reviewed 195
30 medical studies, stated that pesticides may be linked to
31 childhood cancers, neurobehavioral and cognitive deficits,
32 adverse birth outcomes, and asthma; and
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34 WHEREAS, residents of three Hawai'i counties have demanded
35 that their local governments take action under the counties'
36 authority to regulate agriculture, ensure the welfare of its
37 residents, and fulfill its duty to protect public resources;
38 now, therefore,
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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
2 Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
3 Session of 2016, that the Department of Health is requested to
4 study and monitor pesticide drift; and

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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department is requested to
7 take air samples for scientific testing of pesticides; and

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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department is requested to
10 summarize its findings in a report to be submitted to the
11 legislature no later than twenty days prior to the start of the
12 next legislative session; and

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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
15 Resolution be transmitted to Chairperson of the Board of
16 Agriculture, the Director of Health, and the Superintendent of
17 Education.

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OFFERED BY: 

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