

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 8, 2016

RE: H.B. No. 2574

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2016
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection, to which was referred H.B. No. 2574 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to protect the State's environment and residents from the unintended impacts of large-scale pesticide use by:

- (1) Establishing public reporting requirements for large-scale, outdoor commercial agricultural operations across the State;
- (2) Establishing disclosure and public notification requirements for outdoor application of pesticides in various environmentally sensitive areas; and
- (3) Establishing civil fines and a private right of action to enforce reporting, notice, and disclosure requirements.

A Kauai County Council Member; the Hawaii Center for Food Safety; Americans for Democratic Action; Hawaii Indigenous Natural Farmers; Pesticide Action Network North America; Hawaii Island School Garden Network; GMO Free Maui; and numerous concerned individuals supported this measure. The Hawaii Farm Bureau; Hawaii Crop Improvement Association; Kauai Coffee Company, LLC; CropLife America; Western Plant Health Association; Maui County

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Farm Bureau; MauiGrown Coffee, Inc.; Dow Agrosience; and numerous concerned individuals opposed this measure. The Department of Agriculture and several concerned individuals provided comments.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2574 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Agriculture.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Energy &
Environmental Protection,



CHRIS LEE, Chair



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Twenty-eighth Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 2574	Committee Referral: EEP, AGR, FIN	Date: 2/4/16		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
EEP Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. LEE, Chris (C)	/			
2. LOWEN, Nicole E. (VC)	/			
3. CULLEN, Ty J.K.	/			
4. EVANS, Cindy	/			
5. ING, Kaniela	/			
6. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y.	/			
7. SAY, Calvin K.Y.		/		
8. YAMANE, Ryan I.		/		
9. POUHA, Feki	/			
10. THIELEN, Cynthia	/			
TOTAL (10)	8	2	0	0
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <u>Nicole E. Lowen</u>				
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