

Honolulu, Hawaii

**February 9**, 2018

RE: H.B. No. 2722  
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2018  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Energy & Environmental Protection and  
Agriculture, to which was referred H.B. No. 2722 entitled:

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

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to defend and protect Hawaii's  
public health, agricultural economy, and natural ecosystems by,  
after December 31, 2020, prohibiting the application of  
neonicotinoid insecticides and glyphosate herbicides without a  
license or permit issued by the State on State public lands under  
certain conditions.

Dupont Pioneer, Beyond Pesticides, Sierra Club of Hawai'i,  
Patients Without Time, Hawaii Nurses Association, OPEIU Local 50,  
Maui Farmers Union United, GMO Free Kaua'i, Ka Ohana O Na Pua, We  
Are One, Inc., StressFreeSouls, Puna Pono Alliance, Cuddle Party,  
Hawai'i Alliance for Progressive Action, Oahu County Committee on  
Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawaii, Hawaii  
Center for Food Safety, Life of the Land, League of Women Voters  
of Hawaii, Pono Hawai'i Initiative, GMO Free Hawai'i Island,  
BEElieve Hawaii, and numerous individuals supported this measure.  
The Department of Agriculture, Hawai'i Farm Bureau, Hawaii Crop  
Improvement Association, The Society for Hawaii Heritage Animals,  
Western Plant Health Association, Hawaii Aquaculture & Aquaponics  
Association, Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Inc., Monsanto Company,



and many individuals opposed this measure. The Hawaii Pest Control Association provided comments.

Your Committees note that the United States Fish and Wildlife Services already phased out neonicotinoid insecticides on refuge lands in 2014.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Allowing the use of neonicotinoid insecticide or glyphosate herbicide for the purpose of structural pest control without a license or permit; and
- (2) Changing its effective date to January 28, 2045, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Energy & Environmental Protection and Agriculture that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2722, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2722, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committees on Energy &  
Environmental Protection and  
Agriculture,



RICHARD P. CREAGAN, Chair



CHRIS LEE, Chair



**Record of Votes of the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection**

<b>Bill/Resolution No.:</b> HB 2722	<b>Committee Referral:</b> EEP/AGP, CPC, FIN	<b>Date:</b> 2/8/2018		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
<b>The recommendation is to:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" 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)				
<b>EEP Members</b>	<b>Ayes</b>	<b>Ayes (WR)</b>	<b>Nays</b>	<b>Excused</b>
1. LEE, Chris (C)	/			
2. LOWEN, Nicole E. (VC)	/			
3. CULLEN, Ty J.K.	/			
4. KONG, Sam Satoru		/		
5. McKELVEY, Angus L.K.	/			
6. TODD, Chris	/			
7. YAMANE, Ryan I.	/			
8. MCDERMOTT, Bob		/		
<b>TOTAL (8)</b>	6	2	0	0
<b>The recommendation is:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
<b>Vice Chair's or designee's signature:</b> <u>Nicole E. Lowen</u>				
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