

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **2573**

Honolulu, Hawaii
MAR 01 2018

RE: S.B. No. 2126
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2018
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 2126 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE PESTICIDE USE REVOLVING FUND,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to provide the Department of Agriculture with the funds necessary to carry out its pesticide program's registration and licensing, certification and education, and compliance monitoring activities.

More specifically, this measure increases the cap on the pesticide use revolving fund from \$250,000 to \$1,000,000.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture, the Hawaii Crop Improvement Association, the Hawaii Farm Bureau, the Hawaii Alliance for Progressive Action, the Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, the Oahu County Committee Legislative Priorities Committee of the Democratic Party of Hawaii, and one private individual.

Your Committee finds that pesticide training, outreach, and education are critical to ensure that pesticides are not misused. Your Committee further finds that increasing the pesticide use revolving fund's cap from \$250,000 to \$1,000,000 would enhance the Department of Agriculture's ability to engage in these activities




along with pesticide disposal services and the conduct of related environmental studies.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to facilitate further discussion on the measure.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2126, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2126, S.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,



DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



