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Melodie Aduja	OCC on Legislative Priorities, Democratic Party of Hawai'i	Support	No

Comments:

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Nancy Redfeather	Ka Ohana O Na Pua	Support	No

## Comments:

I would like to see Hawai'i move forward in some meaningful way on this. Mahalo to Representative Creagan for bringing this forward. The research has been done. This chemical is extremely harmful to growing children, adults, and the environment. And we certainly should not be eating any food with it's residues. Please take some meaningful action forward in this session.



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HEARING BEFORE THE  
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

**TESTIMONY ON HCR 230/HR 200**  
REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENTS OF AGRICULTURE AND HEALTH TO  
EVALUATE CALIFORNIA'S CURRENT AND PENDING REGULATIONS ON  
CHLORPYRIFOS AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF  
SIMILAR REGULATIONS IN HAWAII.

Room 325  
9:35 AM

Aloha Chair Lee, Chair Creagan, Vice Chair Lowen, Vice Chair DeCoite, and Members of the Committees:

I am Randy Cabral, President of the Hawaii Farm Bureau (HFB). Organized since 1948, the HFB is comprised of 1,900 farm family members statewide, and serves as Hawaii's voice of agriculture to protect, advocate and advance the social, economic and educational interests of our diverse agricultural community.

The Hawaii Farm Bureau offers the following comments on HCR 230/HR 200.

HFB and its members take health and safety concerns very seriously; not only for our farmworkers, who are often our own family members, but also for the broader community and the environment that we cherish and rely upon for our living. We view pesticides, including chlorpyrifos, as a tool that must only be used in accordance with the strict federal and State laws and regulations that govern their use.

HFB supports a robust State regulatory framework to ensure that pesticides used by farmers, golf courses, homeowners, hotels, restaurants, termite control companies, conservationists, municipalities, and others, will be used safely and judiciously.

We believe that the proposed resolutions are not needed at this time, since it is our understanding that an evaluation of California's regulation of chlorpyrifos is currently being undertaken and will include recommendations for appropriate regulation in Hawaii. This action is in addition to the proposed State pesticide rule revisions that were recently approved by the Board of Agriculture to move forward toward promulgation. The revisions

include more stringent restrictions on chlorpyrifos use in Hawaii, beyond what EPA mandates.

We would like to respectfully disagree with the misleading justifications outlined in the resolutions. Our understanding of EPA's 2016 Revised Human Health Risk Assessment for Registration Review for chlorpyrifos is that the agency is still in the process of reviewing data to ensure that future restrictions on the compound are accurate and based on sound science, especially since it is relied upon across the United States, and in many other countries, often as a last resort when other farming practices fail to control crop-destroying insects.

In Hawaii, chlorpyrifos use in agriculture has decreased significantly; however, there are some circumstances in which the tool may be needed, especially when there are no good alternatives. We believe that with appropriate regulation and enforcement, chlorpyrifos can be used safely. Environmental monitoring data in Hawaii indicates that any chlorpyrifos detected in the islands, has been at levels below regulatory concern.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide our comments on this important matter.

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Dale Sandlin	Hawaii Cattlemens Council	Oppose	No

Comments: