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I am writing in strong support of SB 2568 which appropriates \$3 million to implement the findings of the Kauai Joint Fact Finding study group. **(Share who you are and why this matters to you)**

As you know, the JFF report urges the State of Hawai'i to protect residents from pesticide exposure, and to improve the monitoring of pesticides and the illnesses related to pesticide exposure. The report also calls for buffer zones around sensitive areas like schools as well as mandatory disclosure of pesticide use by large agribusinesses throughout the state. I believe that these regulatory actions should be the priority of this initiative, to sufficiently protect the families who live, work, and play next to these operations.

Children can be exposed to pesticides sprayed on school grounds and those that drift from neighboring agricultural lands. Children exposed to restricted used pesticides are at a risk of disabilities like autism and ADHD, leukemia, and asthma. Toxic exposure to pesticides from while in the womb to early years has been linked to long-term health effects including cancer, behavior problems, birth defects and asthma. Studies suggest an increased risk of brain tumors and brain cancer. Buffer zones around sensitive areas such as schools and hospitals makes sense as a place to begin protecting the public.

The JFF report also concluded that the public health impacts regarding long-term exposure to pesticides associated with large scale commercial agriculture have not been properly or independently studied. This is because information pertaining to the use of these pesticides is not available to the public or to health care professionals.

Kept in the dark, doctors and scientists have been unable to evaluate the full extent of negative impacts occurring to both residents and to the environment. Disclosure of what is being sprayed and in what quantity is required in order to analyze the impacts.

It is time for the State to take action to reduce and prevent the potential negative impacts of such use. The Dept. of Agriculture has been woefully underfunded in this area and this appropriation will allow this action to finally take place.

I urge you to support SB 2568. Mahalo for considering my testimony in strong support of this measure.

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