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Date: 02/01/2018

Time: 02:30 PM

Location: 016

Committee: Senate Agriculture and
Environment

Department: Education

Person Testifying: Dr. Christina M. Kishimoto, Superintendent of Education

Title of Bill: SB 2569 RELATING TO PESTICIDES.

Purpose of Bill: Expands the membership of the pesticide advisory committee to include a representative from the DOE, each county mayors' office, a medical expert, and a non-governmental organization scientist. Expands the duties of the pesticide advisory committee to include establishment of state standards for chronicity, recommendation to the legislature of specific changes to the State's pesticide laws and regulations, expansion of the good neighbor program, and establishment of a comprehensive buffer zone policy for the State.

Department's Position:

The Department of Education supports SB 2569 as it will benefit by having a representative on the Pesticide Advisory Committee which will be charged with assisting the Department of Agriculture in establishing State standards for pesticide chronicity, recommending specific changes to the State's pesticide laws and regulations to the Legislature, and the establishment of a comprehensive buffer zone policy for use of pesticides near sensitive areas including schools. All of the issues with which the Pesticide Advisory Committee will be addressing affects schools.

The Hawaii State Department of Education seeks to advance the goals of the Strategic Plan which is focused on student success, staff success, and successful systems of support. This is achieved through targeted work around three impact strategies: school design, student voice, and teacher collaboration. Detailed information is available at www.hawaiipublicschools.org.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Debra Koonohiokala Norenberg		Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Gail Jackson		Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Joseph Kohn MD	We Are One, Inc. - www.WeAreOne.cc - WAO	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kallie Barnes		Support	No

Comments:

Dear Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere and members of the committee,

I am writing in strong support of SB 2569 which expands the advisory committee on pesticides for the state. My name is Kallie Barnes, I am a Biologist by trade and am greatly worried about the effect of pesticides on our community.

The Kaua'i Joint Fact Finding Study group determined that the State's regulation of pesticides has failed to protect our residents. The report urges the State to protect us from exposure to pesticides and to do a better job of monitoring their use. There is a massive oversight in the proposed expansion of this advisory body.

I also support the Bill for tasking the new committee with updating the State's pesticide policy, and implementing standards. However, the time for such actions is now. The people of Hawai'i have the right to live free from the fear that industry will harm their health and safety. I urge the committee to revise the Bill to require the committee, working with the Department of Agriculture, to make require mandatory disclosure and buffer zones statewide within a year, and make other necessary changes to protect us from pesticide exposure by 2020.

I urge you to support SB 2569. Thank you kindly for considering my testimony in strong support of the measure.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
William Simonsma		Support	No

Comments: