

SB-3095

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Testimony for AEN on 2/12/2018 1:20:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
David Z. Arakawa	Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii	Oppose	No

Comments:

The Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii (LURF) appreciates the opportunity to provide its comments, concerns and **OPPOSITION** to **SB 3095**, relating to Environmental Protection, which would establish disclosure and public notification requirements for outdoor application of pesticides in various sensitive areas or by large-scale, outdoor commercial agricultural operations. Establishes a pilot program that creates a vegetative buffer zone around five selected schools near a commercial agricultural production area. Effective July 31, 2018.

We can understand that this bill could be a well-meaning, but misguided attempt to address concerns relating to pesticide safety, however, LURF opposes this bill, based on, among other things, the following:

- The proposed requirements are not supported by a specific scientific basis;
- The proposed requirements and buffer zone are inconsistent with, and exceeds the Integrated Pest Management approach and the warnings instructions and requirements of the Environmental Protection agency (EPA), which apply to government agencies, other businesses and industries, and other private users;
- The proposed requirements and buffer zone are inconsistent with the studies of pesticides use under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide & Rehabilitation Act (FIFRA), which apply to government agencies, other businesses and industries, and other private users;
- The bill unfairly discriminates and targets only “*commercial agriculture*”, when commercial agriculture constitutes a small percentage of all Restricted Use Pesticides (RUP) product sales in Hawaii;
- This measure unfairly exempts over 90% of the major purchasers of RUP in Hawaii, including, among others, all government, business and industrial (landscapers, pest control companies), private homeowners and small farms, which apply much more pesticides than commercial agriculture, and have opportunities for direct affects on school children; and
- Finally, SB 3095 is unnecessary, as most of the commercial agricultural companies are already participating in voluntary reporting programs.

Based on the above, **LURF respectfully requests that SB 3095 be DEFERRED and HELD by this Committee.**

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments and concerns relating to this proposed measure.

Please feel free to contact David Arakawa, LURF Executive Director, if there are any questions.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Tamara Paltin		Support	Yes

Comments:

Please put positive buffer zones around all schools not just a five school pilot program

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Aria Juliet Castillo	Vote Hawaii	Support	No

Comments:

From: [Andrea Brower](#)
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Subject: Strong Support for SB3095
Date: Monday, February 12, 2018 11:20:44 AM

From: Andrea Brower, PhD, Kauai

Aloha Chair Gabbard, Chair Baker and members of the committees,

I am writing to testify in strong support of SB3095.

Mahalo.

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Lawrence Ford		Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
George Vierra		Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Senators,

I fully support this bill, the problem as I see it is it doesn't do enough. We don't need a pilot buffer project to protect our keiki we need buffer zones for all our schools, our keiki are worth it. Last month my own keiki was in the hospital, it did not have to do with pesticide exposure, but it was a real wake up call to what our children face in public schools, public parks and places where pesticides are sprayed. I live in West Maui and pesticide drift is a very real issue. This is the bare minimum we need to keep our kids safe. I know there are people in this hearing that have tried to make vaccines mandatory and homebirth illegal in an effort to protect public health - this issue is so much bigger than those two combined, it gives folks the choice whether they want to be in an area knowing what, where and when pesticides are being sprayed.

Please pass this bill

Mahalo

George Vierra

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