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# SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO EXAMINE ORGANIC  
PESTICIDES FOR AUTHORIZED USE IN THE STATE.

1           WHEREAS, in recent years, organic pesticides have emerged  
2 as a popular alternative to conventional synthetic pesticides;  
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5           WHEREAS, organic pesticides usually come from natural  
6 sources, such as plants, minerals, or microorganisms, and are  
7 minimally processed; and

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9           WHEREAS, many farmers prefer organic pesticides over  
10 synthetic alternatives because organic pesticides typically  
11 break down faster in the environment, leaving no residual  
12 activity after a relatively short time; and

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14           WHEREAS, organic pesticides, particularly biological  
15 insecticides, can also be selective in the types of pests  
16 controlled, which reduces potential harm to non-target species  
17 such as pollinators and other beneficial insects; and

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19           WHEREAS, Hawaii has been impacted by various agricultural  
20 diseases and invasive species that threaten the State's  
21 agricultural industries; and

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23           WHEREAS, identifying organic pesticides that can bolster  
24 Hawaii's agricultural sustainability while minimizing lasting  
25 environmental effects is a worthwhile endeavor; and

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27           WHEREAS, currently, pesticide manufacturers, and other  
28 authorized individuals, must submit an application to the  
29 Department of Agriculture to license pesticides for use in the  
30 State; and

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1 WHEREAS, the Department of Agriculture should be more  
2 proactive in finding safe, organic pesticides for Hawaii's local  
3 farmers; now, therefore,  
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5 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-second  
6 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2023,  
7 that the Department of Agriculture is requested to:  
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- 9 (1) Study organic pesticides that are currently licensed  
10 or authorized for use in the State; and  
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12 (2) Find organic pesticides that are not currently  
13 licensed or authorized for use, or otherwise  
14 prohibited, in the State, and test those organic  
15 pesticides for authorized use in the State; and  
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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Agriculture  
18 is requested to submit a report of its findings and  
19 recommendations regarding organic pesticides, including any  
20 proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty  
21 days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2024; and  
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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this  
24 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of  
25 Agriculture.  
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OFFERED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

