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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO NEONICOTINOIDS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that neonicotinoid
2 insecticides are neurotoxic insecticides that permanently bind
3 to, and subsequently overstimulate and destroy, insect nerve
4 cells. Neonicotinoids are the most widely used class of
5 insecticides worldwide.

6 The legislature further finds that research overwhelmingly
7 shows that neonicotinoid pesticides have destructive impacts on
8 pollinator populations, killing bees, butterflies, and birds,
9 and pose a serious threat to food systems, ecosystems, and
10 public health. Growing scientific evidence also suggests that
11 neonicotinoids have serious negative health impacts for humans.
12 Neonicotinoid contamination is common in water supplies, food,
13 and human bodies.

14 The purpose of this Act is to:

15 (1) Classify neonicotinoid pesticides as restricted use
16 pesticides; and



1 (2) Establish a list of chemicals that belong to the
2 neonicotinoid class of chemicals to be included under
3 this classification.

4 SECTION 2. Section 149A-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
5 amended as follows:

6 1. By adding a new definition to be appropriately inserted
7 and to read:

8 "Neonicotinoid pesticide" means any pesticide containing a
9 chemical belonging to the neonicotinoid class of chemicals,
10 including but not limited to acetamiprid, clothianidin,
11 dinotefuran, imidacloprid, nitenpyram, nithiazine, thiacloprid,
12 thiamethoxam, or any other chemical designated by the EPA as
13 belonging to the neonicotinoid class of chemicals.

14 "Neonicotinoid pesticide" does not include any wood preservative
15 pesticides or wood preservative products that contain
16 neonicotinoid, other similar pesticides used to treat wood
17 products, or pesticides used by the structural pest control
18 industry for household pests in and around the home."

19 2. By amending the definition of "restricted use
20 pesticide" to read:

21 "Restricted use pesticide" means:



- 1 (1) A pesticide or pesticide use classified by ~~[the]~~:
- 2 (A) The Administrator[τ] of the EPA[τ] for use by
- 3 certified applicators or competent persons under
- 4 their direct supervision and so designated on its
- 5 label; or
- 6 (B) The board for use by certified applicators or
- 7 competent persons under their direct supervision;
- 8 or
- 9 (2) A ~~[pesticide or pesticide use classified by the board~~
- 10 ~~for use by certified applicators or competent persons~~
- 11 ~~under their direct supervision.]~~ neonicotinoid
- 12 pesticide."

13 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
14 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

15 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

16 INTRODUCED BY: 



S.B. NO. 2366

Report Title:

Neonicotinoid Pesticides; Restricted Use Pesticides

Description:

Classifies neonicotinoid pesticides as restricted use pesticides and establishes a list of chemicals that belong to the neonicotinoid class of chemicals.

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