

JAN 15 2025

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO NEONICOTINOIDS.

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

1 SECTION 1. (a) The department of agriculture, in
2 coordination with the university of Hawaii college of tropical
3 agriculture and human resources, shall conduct a study on the
4 effects of neonicotinoids on Hawaii beehive and apiary
5 operations, including beekeeping activities at solar energy
6 facilities.

7 (b) The study shall examine:

- 8 (1) The benefits and disadvantages of using
9 neonicotinoids;
- 10 (2) Whether chemical trace analysis detects neonicotinoids
11 in Hawaii beehives and apiaries, and food products
12 harvested from the beehives and apiaries;
- 13 (3) The concentration levels of neonicotinoids and any
14 derivative chemicals in Hawaii beehives and apiaries,
15 and food products harvested from the beehives and
16 apiaries; and



1 (4) Any observed impacts of neonicotinoids on Hawaii
2 beehive and apiary operations.

3 (c) The department of agriculture shall submit a report of
4 its findings and recommendations, including science-based
5 recommendations on how neonicotinoids should be used and
6 regulated in the State, and any proposed legislation, to the
7 legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
8 the regular session of 2026.

9 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
10 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
11 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2025-2026 to
12 conduct the study required by section 1 of this Act.

13 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
14 agriculture for the purposes of this Act.

15 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2025.

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Report Title:

HDOA; UH; CTAHR; Neonicotinoids; Apiaries; Bee Hives; Study; Appropriation

Description:

Requires the Department of Agriculture and University of Hawaii College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources to conduct a study on the effects of neonicotinoids on Hawaii beehive and apiary operations, including beekeeping activities at solar energy facilities. Appropriates moneys.

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