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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO ESTABLISH PESTICIDE  
BUFFER ZONES AROUND SENSITIVE AREAS AND TO ESTABLISH  
DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS FOR ENTITIES THAT USE LARGE  
QUANTITIES OF RESTRICTED USE PESTICIDES.

- 1           WHEREAS, the number of large-scale, outdoor commercial  
2 agricultural operations in Hawaii has been increasing; and  
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- 4           WHEREAS, unlike the majority of Hawaii's farmers, these  
5 operations regularly apply high volumes of restricted use  
6 pesticides into the environment; and  
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- 8           WHEREAS, information pertaining to the intensive use of  
9 pesticides in large-scale commercial agriculture within the  
10 State is not readily available to the public; and  
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- 12           WHEREAS, the State currently does not have an adequate  
13 regulatory structure in place to monitor the human health  
14 impacts of pesticide drift near sensitive populations; and  
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- 16           WHEREAS, the direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts on  
17 the public health related to long-term intensive commercial use  
18 of pesticides has yet to be properly or independently evaluated;  
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- 21           WHEREAS, children, the elderly, and other sensitive  
22 residents have no choice but to live, work, and commute daily in  
23 close proximity to areas where restricted use pesticides are  
24 being sprayed; and  
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- 26           WHEREAS, children can be exposed to pesticides applied on  
27 school grounds, pesticides that drift onto school grounds, or  
28 pesticide residues; and  
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1 WHEREAS, of greatest concern are restricted use pesticides  
2 such as chlorpyrifos, which scientists have definitively linked  
3 to developmental delays in children, and other toxic exposure to  
4 pesticides during fetal, neonatal, and infant life that may  
5 disrupt critical development processes; and

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7 WHEREAS, life-long pesticide exposure for those living in  
8 exposed areas has been linked to long-term health effects,  
9 including cancer and other serious diseases, decreased cognitive  
10 function, and behavioral problems; now, therefore,

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12 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
13 Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
14 Session of 2015, the Senate concurring, that the Department of  
15 Health is requested to establish, by rule, pesticide buffer  
16 zones around sensitive areas, including schools, hospitals,  
17 adult residential care homes, assisted living facilities, child  
18 care facilities, family child care homes, group child care  
19 centers, group child care homes, hospice homes, extended care  
20 adult residential care homes, expanded adult residential care  
21 homes, health care facilities, primary care clinics, shorelines,  
22 watersheds, and bodies of perennial waters; and

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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature requests that  
25 the buffer zones restrict the use of pesticides in the sensitive  
26 areas listed in the previous paragraph by commercial  
27 agricultural entities that purchase or use large quantities of  
28 restricted use pesticides; and

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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Health is  
31 requested to require commercial agricultural entities that  
32 purchase or use large quantities of restricted use pesticides to  
33 positively identify application sites using a unique and  
34 verifiable method; and

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36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Health is  
37 requested to require commercial agricultural entities, schools,  
38 child care facilities, early childhood education and care  
39 facilities, family child care homes, group child care centers,  
40 and group child care homes that use or purchase large quantities  
41 of restricted use pesticides to disclose the use of all  
42 pesticides, including:



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- 2 (1) Posting of signs warning the public of pesticide
- 3 outdoor application;
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- 5 (2) Notifying parents or guardians of children and
- 6 residents within sensitive areas; and
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- 8 (3) Providing annual public reports to the Department of
- 9 all pesticides used in outdoor applications during the
- 10 preceding calendar year; and
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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Health is  
 13 requested to submit a report to the Legislature no later than  
 14 twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of  
 15 2016 on actions taken to implement this Concurrent Resolution;  
 16 and

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 18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this  
 19 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Health.  
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