
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON PESTICIDES.

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

1 SECTION 1. The advisory committee on pesticides is tasked
2 with advising and assisting the department of agriculture in
3 developing or revising laws and rules to carry out and
4 effectuate the purposes of chapter 149A, Hawaii Revised
5 Statutes, and with advising the department in pesticide
6 problems. At the time of the advisory committee's
7 establishment, the sugar and pineapple industries were major
8 stakeholders in the State's agricultural landscape. In 1980,
9 Hawaii was home to fourteen sugar and four pineapple plantations
10 that covered more than 300,000 acres. In 2017, these two crops
11 accounted for less than 5,000 acres. According to a 2017 U.S.
12 Department of Agriculture report, diversified agriculture
13 accounted for over \$84 million in production while the coffee
14 industry provided the State over \$43 million. It is therefore
15 the purpose of this Act to remove the statutory requirement that
16 the sugar and pineapple industries be represented on the
17 advisory committee on pesticides and to update the committee to

1 include representatives of the coffee and diversified
2 agricultural industries.

3 SECTION 2. Section 149A-51, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
4 amended to read as follows:

5 "**§149A-51 Advisory committee.** There shall be an advisory
6 committee on pesticides composed of but not limited to the
7 chairperson, or the chairperson's designated representative, who
8 shall head the committee and one representative each from the
9 department of health, department of land and natural resources,
10 University of Hawaii college of tropical agriculture and human
11 resources, [~~sugar industry, pineapple industry,~~] coffee
12 industry, diversified agriculture industry, Hawaii Farm Bureau
13 Federation, pesticide industry, structural pest control
14 industry, an environmental organization, a citizen group, and a
15 landscape professional. Members of the advisory committee shall
16 be appointed by the governor from a list of persons recommended
17 by the respective agencies and industries in accordance with
18 section 26-34. The committee shall advise and assist the
19 department in developing or revising laws and rules to carry out
20 and effectuate the purposes of this chapter and in advising the
21 department in pesticide problems."

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1 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
2 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

3 SECTION 4. This Act, upon its approval, shall take effect
4 on July 1, 2021.

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INTRODUCED BY: _____



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Report Title:

Department of Agriculture; Advisory Committee on Pesticides

Description:

Removes the statutory requirement for representatives of the pineapple and sugar industries and adds the statutory requirement for representatives of the coffee and diversified agriculture industries on the Advisory Committee on Pesticides.

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JUSTIFICATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Agriculture

TITLE: A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON PESTICIDES.

PURPOSE: To remove the statutory requirement for representatives of the pineapple and sugar industries and add a statutory requirement for representatives of the coffee and diversified agriculture industries on the Advisory Committee on Pesticides.

MEANS: Amend section 149A-51, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

JUSTIFICATION: The Advisory Committee on Pesticides is tasked with advising and assisting the Department of Agriculture in developing or revising laws and rules to carry out and effectuate the purposes of chapter 149A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, and with advising the department in pesticide problems. At the time of the Advisory Committee's establishment, the sugar and pineapple industries were major stakeholders in the state's agricultural industry. In 1980, Hawaii was home to 14 sugar and four pineapple plantations which covered more than 300,000 acres. In 2017, these two crops accounted for less than 5,000 acres. It is therefore the purpose of this bill to remove the requirement that the sugar and pineapple industries be represented on the advisory committee on pesticides and update the committee to include the coffee and diversified agricultural representatives. According to a 2017 U.S. Department of Agriculture report, diversified agriculture accounted for over \$84 million in production while the coffee industry provided the State over \$43 million. As such, the agricultural community and the public will be better served by industry representatives that more

accurately reflect the agricultural industry of the State.

Impact on the public: The public will be better served by industry representatives that more accurately reflect the agricultural industry of the State.

Impact on the department and other agencies: The proposed amendment will provide stronger representation from the agricultural industry on the relevant issues of pesticide application, education, and outreach.

GENERAL FUND: None.

OTHER FUNDS: None.

PPBS PROGRAM
DESIGNATION: AGR 846.

OTHER AFFECTED
AGENCIES: None.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2021.