

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1763

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 19, 2025

RE: S.B. No. 1304
S.D. 2
H.D. 1

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2025
State of Hawaii

Madame:

Your Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems, to which was referred S.B. No. 1304, S.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PESTICIDE DRIFT MONITORING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to the Department of Agriculture to continue the statewide pesticide drift monitoring study.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture; University of Hawai'i System; Office of the Mayor of the County of Maui; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; Hawai'i Farmers Union; and three individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs and Hawai'i Alliance for Progressive Action.

Your Committee finds that further study is needed to assess the potential impact of pesticide drift near schools and ensure that Hawaii's children are not exposed to off-target pesticide applications. The Department of Agriculture has already initiated a statewide pesticide drift monitoring study, which plays a critical role in evaluating air concentrations of pesticides and their potential effects on public health and the environment. This measure provides funding to continue the study, strengthening



the State's ability to assess risks, implement mitigation strategies, and promote responsible pesticide use.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Requiring the Department of Agriculture to contract with an independent consultant to conduct the study;
- (2) Extending the reporting deadline to the Legislature by three years;
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Finance, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider an appropriation amount of \$323,484 for fiscal year 2025-2026 and \$311,903 for fiscal year 2026-2027 for the continued monitoring of pesticide drift in schools statewide.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1304, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1304, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Agriculture & Food
Systems,


KIRSTIN KAHALOA, Chair



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Bill/Resolution No.: SB1304, SD2		Committee Referral: AGR, FIN		Date: 3/14/25	
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.					
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)					
AGR Members		Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. KAHALOA, Kirstin (C)		X			
2. KUSCH, Matthias (VC)		X			
3. LOWEN, Nicole E.		X			
4. PERRUSO, Amy A.		X			
5. QUINLAN, Sean					X
6. WARD, Gene					X
TOTAL (6)		4			2
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. _____ committee acronym(s)					
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____					
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