

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 476

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 15, 2007

RE: H.B. No. 1646
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2007
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Energy & Environmental Protection and
Agriculture, to which was referred H.B. No. 1646 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PESTICIDES,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to require retailers of
pesticides to verbally warn purchasers of pesticides on the proper
storage, disposal, and dangers of pesticides.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure
from ten concerned citizens. Your Committee also received
testimony opposed to this measure from the Department of
Agriculture, the Hawaii Agriculture Research Center, the Hawaii
Pest Control Association, the Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation, the
Hawaii Food Industry Association, and a local retailer.

Your Committees find that many consumers are uninformed with
respect to the proper handling, storage, and disposal of
pesticides. The mishandling of pesticides can lead to the illness
or injury of a pesticide user and can contaminate and threaten the
health and safety of the community as well. Your Committees,
however, are cognizant of the concerns of the pesticide industry
and have therefore amended the measure to:

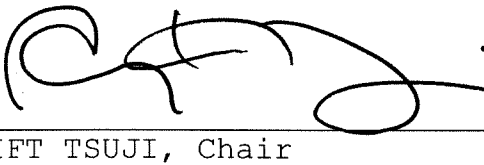
- (1) Require posted signs instead of verbal warning by
retailers with respect to pesticides;



- (2) Specify inclusion of information on the proper handling, storage, and disposal of pesticides, as well as emergency telephone numbers to call in case of poisoning from pesticides; and
- (3) Require the Department of Agriculture to adopt rules concerning the content and use of the warning signs.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Energy & Environmental Protection and Agriculture that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1646, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1646, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Energy &
Environmental Protection and
Agriculture,



CLIFT TSUJI, Chair



HERMINA MORITA, Chair



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Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1646		Date: 2/13/07		
Committee Referral: EEP / AGR , CPC		<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.		
The recommendation is to:				
<input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments, for recommittal for further consideration				
EEP Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. MORITA, Hermina M. (C)	✓			
2. CARROLL, Mele (VC)	✓			
3. CHONG, Pono	✓			
4. ITO, Ken	✓			
5. MAGAOAY, Michael Y.	✓			
6. SAGUM, Roland D., III	✓			
7. SAIKI, Scott K.	✓			
8. THIELEN, Cynthia				✓
TOTAL	7			1
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: Mele Carroll				
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Record of Votes of the Committee on Agriculture

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1646		Date: February 13, 2007		
Committee Referral: EEP / AGR , CPC		<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.		
The recommendation is to:				
<input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments, for recommitment for further consideration				
AGR Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. TSUJI, Clift (C)	/			
2. BROWER, Tom (VC)	/			
3. BERG, Lyla B., Ph.D.	/			
4. CHANG, Jerry L.	/			
5. HANOHANO, Faye P.	/			
6. HERKES, Robert N.	/	/		
7. MANAHAN, Joey	/			
8. WAKAI, Glenn	/			
9. YAMANE, Ryan I.	/			
10. YAMASHITA, Kyle T.	/			
11. CHING, Corinne W.L.				/
12. MEYER, Colleen Rose				/
TOTAL	9	1	0	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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