A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO GENETICALLY MODIFIED ORGANISMS.

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

1   SECTION 1. Section 321-11.6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is

2 amended to read as follows:

3   "[+]§321-11.6[+] **Genetically modified organisms**[-]**;**

4 **notification and certification.** (a) Any person that proposes

5 to research, test, propagate, cultivate, grow, or produce any

6 genetically modified organism shall notify:

7   (1) The department of health;

8   (2) The department of agriculture; and

9   (3) The sitting chairs of the appropriate committees

10   within the senate and house of representatives dealing

11   with health and agriculture,

12 of the person's intent to conduct the activity and the nature of

13 the activity, and shall obtain certification of approval from

14 the department of health and the department of agriculture prior

15 to conducting the activity; provided that within one hundred

16 eighty days of receipt of certification of approval the

17 certification may be rescinded by either of the departments.

1   (b) Any applicant to any federal agency for any permit for

2 or approval of any bioproduct, field testing of genetically

3 modified organisms, or environmental impact assessment of

4 genetically modified organisms shall submit one copy of that

5 application to the department[,] of health, at the same time

6 that the application is submitted to the federal agency."

7   SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed

8 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

9   SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Report Title:
Genetically Modified Organisms; DOH Notification and
Certification; Liability

Description:
Requires persons proposing to engage in testing, propagating,
cultivating, and growing GMOs to notify DOH and obtain a
certification of approval from DOH. Includes liability
provisions for injury or damage resulting from such activity.
(HB1453 HD1)