A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PEST CONTROL.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 141-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is 2 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows: The department of agriculture [shall,] may, so far as "(b) 3 4 reasonably practicable, assist[, free of cost to individuals,] in the control or eradication of insects, mites, diseases, 5 noxious weeds, or other pests injurious to the environment or 6 vegetation of value; and in the investigation, suppression, and 7 8 eradication of contagious, infectious, and communicable diseases 9 among domestic animals; and [shall] may in like manner distribute to points where needed, beneficial insects, or 10 pathogens and other antidotes for the control of insects, mites, 11 12 diseases, or other pests injurious to the environment or vegetation of value, and for the control or eradication of 13 vegetation of a noxious character." 14 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed 15

and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

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

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Pest Control; Department of Agriculture

Description:

Makes the department of agriculture's free assistance to landowners and other relevant parties in the control and eradication of pests discretionary, rather than mandatory.

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