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## 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:
- 3 "(b) The department of agriculture [shall,] may, so far as
- 4 reasonably practicable, assist[<del>, free of cost to individuals,</del>]
- 5 in the control or eradication of insects, mites, diseases,
- 6 noxious weeds, or other pests injurious to the environment or
- 7 vegetation of value; and in the investigation, suppression, and
- 8 eradication of contagious, infectious, and communicable diseases
- 9 among domestic animals; and [shall] may in like manner
- 10 distribute to points where needed, beneficial insects, or
- 11 pathogens and other antidotes for the control of insects, mites,
- 12 diseases, or other pests injurious to the environment or
- 13 vegetation of value, and for the control or eradication of
- 14 vegetation of a noxious character."
- 15 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
- 16 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

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

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# S.B. NO. 2606

### Report Title:

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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