A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PESTICIDES.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the State of Hawaii

2 has become a location of an increasing number of large-scale,

3 outdoor commercial agricultural operations that use extremely

4 high volumes of pesticides on their fields. The rapid, long-

5 term, and unregulated growth of commercial agricultural entities

6 and their extensive use of pesticides on their properties in

7 Hawaii threatens the stability and growth of Hawaii agricultural

8 economy, the health of its citizens, and the overall

9 environment. The legislature further finds:

(1) Many pesticides used in large-scale, outdoor commercial agriculture in Hawaii are classified as "restricted use pesticides" by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Restricted use pesticides are pesticides that the EPA has determined are likely to cause "unreasonable adverse effects on the environment" if they are used "without additional"

regulatory restrictions." Many restricted use

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	pesticides used in large-scale, commercial agriculture
	in the State are known to be toxic to humans, animals,
	bees, and other insects. Many of these restricted use
	pesticides are known to contaminate groundwater or
	persist in the environment. Some of the restricted
	use pesticides used in the State are subject to
	limited local use or total bans in other states and in
	other countries;
(2)	Pesticides may volatilize, or change from a solid or

- Pesticides may volatilize, or change from a solid or liquid state into a vapor state, into the lower atmosphere, a process that continues for days, weeks, or months after the application. The vapor can then become airborne and carried through the wind on dust particles. Pesticide-laden dust and drift from both restricted use pesticides and general use pesticides are often inevitable and results in long-term exposure to toxic chemicals harmful to Hawaii's residents, wildlife, and endangered species, and are sources of pollution to the natural environment of the State;
- (3) Those exposed to various pesticides often suffer from immediate symptoms such as headaches, respiratory

•		discress, vomicing, dizziness, eye pain, and enese
2		pain, while long term exposure to toxic pesticides
3		increases the risks of serious diseases such as
4		cancer, autism, and Parkinson's disease;
5	(4)	Children are particularly vulnerable because toxic
6		exposure to pesticides during fetal, neonatal, and
7		infant life can disrupt critical developmental
8		processes. Early life pesticide exposure has been
9		linked to long-term health effects including cancer,
10		serious diseases, decreased cognitive function, and
11		behavior problems;
12	(5)	Children can be exposed to pesticides applied on
13		school grounds, pesticides that drift onto school
14		grounds from neighboring agricultural lands, or from
15		pesticide residues;
16	(6)	Information pertaining to the intensive use of
17		pesticides in large-scale commercial agriculture
18		within the State is not readily available to the
19		public. Thus, the public is unable to evaluate the
20		full extent of negative impacts accruing to the
21		residents and environment of Hawaii;

the existing rederal oversight of pesticide exposure
is predominantly focused on acute exposure, and is
inadequate to protect risks posed by regular low-level
exposure;
The State does not have an adequate regulatory
structure in place to monitor the human health impacts
of pesticide drift near sensitive populations. The
direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts on public
health regarding the long-term intensive commercial
agriculture and associated use of pesticides have not
been properly or independently evaluated;
The children, elderly, and other sensitive residents
of the State have no choice but to live, work, and
commute daily in close proximity to areas where
restricted use pesticides are being sprayed. The
children, elderly, and other sensitive residents of
the State are growing increasingly concerned about the
direct and long-term impacts that the large-scale use

of restricted use pesticides has on the land, on the

natural environment, and on their health; and

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1	(10)	The people of Hawaii have the right to decide that the
2		risks associated with the use of toxic pesticides in
3		commercial agriculture are unacceptable, and to take
4		action to reduce and prevent the potential negative
5		impacts of such use. For multiple economic,
6		environmental, health, and cultural reasons, the
7		legislature finds that information regarding the use
8		of restricted use pesticides in areas where they pose
9		a threat to human, environmental, and ecological
10		health should not be limited.
11	The p	purpose of this Act is to address human health and
12	environmen	ntal harms from outdoor uses of pesticide applications.
13	SECT	ION 2. The Hawaii Revised Statutes is amended by
14	adding a r	new chapter to be appropriately designated and to read
15	as follows	5:
16		"CHAPTER
17		OUTDOOR USE OF PESTICIDE APPLICATIONS
18	S	-1 Purpose. The purpose of this chapter is to:
19	(1)	Protect sensitive public resources of the State from
20		increased outdoor use of pesticides resulting from

1		large-scale, outdoor commercial agricultural
2		operations;
3	(2)	Protect sensitive populations in the State from the
4		risks of exposure to increased outdoor use of
5		pesticides and from pesticide drift and vapor from
6		nearby commercial agricultural fields;
7	(3)	Protect children from exposure to pesticides from
8		outdoor applications on school grounds; and
9	(4)	Preserve the right of Hawaii residents to reject
10		pesticide exposure because of health, moral, or other
11		concerns.
12	5	-2 Construction. The provisions of this chapter shall
13	be constru	ed liberally so as to effectuate the purpose of this
14	chapter.	
15	s ·	-3 Definitions. As used in this chapter, the
16	following	terms shall have the following meanings unless the
17	context in	ndicates another or different meaning or intent:
18	"Act:	ive ingredient" means:
19	(1)	In the case of a pesticide other than a plant
20		regulator, defoliant, or desiccant, an ingredient that
21		will prevent, destroy, repel, or mitigate any pest;

1	(2)	In the case of a plant regulator, an ingredient that,
2		through physiological action, will accelerate or
3		retard the rate of growth or maturation or otherwise
4		alter the behavior of ornamental or crop plants or the
5		produce thereof;
6	(3)	In the case of a defoliant, an ingredient that will
7		cause the leaves or foliage to drop from a plant; and
8	(4)	In the case of a desiccant, an ingredient that will
9		artificially accelerate the drying of plant tissues.
10	"Adu	lt residential care home" means any facility licensed
11	by the Sta	ate providing twenty-four-hour living accommodations
12	for a fee	to adults unrelated to the family, who require at
13	least min	imal assistance in the activities of daily living,
14	personal o	care services, protection, and health care services,
15	but who do	o not need the professional health services provided in
16	an interme	ediate, skilled nursing, or acute care facility.
17	" Ahuj	oua'a" means a traditional land division that usually
18	extends fi	rom the uplands to the sea.
19	"Ass	isted living facility" means any facility licensed by
20	the State	to offer a combination of housing, health care
21	services,	and personalized supportive services designed to

- 1 respond to individual needs, to promote choice, responsibility,
- 2 independence, privacy, dignity, and individuality.
- 3 "Certified pesticide applicator" means any individual who
- 4 is certified under section 149A-33(1) as authorized to use or
- 5 supervise the use of any pesticide that is classified for
- 6 restricted use.
- 7 "Child care facility" means a place maintained by any
- 8 individual, organization, or agency licensed by the State for
- 9 the purpose of providing care for children with or without
- 10 charging a fee at any time. "Child care facility" includes a
- 11 family child care home, group child care home, and group child
- 12 care center.
- "Commercial agricultural production" means:
- 14 (1) The commercial production of any seed, crop, plant,
- timber, livestock, poultry, fish, bees, or apiary
- **16** products; or
- 17 (2) The testing or experimental production of any seed,
- 18 crop, plant, timber, livestock, poultry, fish, bees,
- or apiary products.
- 20 "Commercial agricultural production area" means real
- 21 properties and areas owned, leased, or otherwise operated or



- 1 controlled and used by a commercial agricultural entity for
- 2 commercial agricultural production.
- 3 "Commercial agriculture entity" means any individual,
- 4 partnership, association, corporation, limited liability
- 5 company, or any organized group of persons, whether incorporated
- 6 or not, that is engaged in commercial agricultural production.
- 7 "Commercial pesticide applicator" means any certified
- 8 pesticide applicator, whether or not the applicator is a private
- 9 pesticide applicator with respect to some uses, who uses or
- 10 supervises the use of any pesticide that is classified for
- 11 restricted use for any purpose or on any property other than as
- 12 provided by section 149A-2.
- "Defoliant" means any substance or mixture of substances
- 14 intended for causing the leaves or foliage to drop from a plant,
- 15 causing or without causing abscission.
- "Department" means the department of agriculture.
- 17 "Desiccant" means any substance or mixture of substances
- 18 intended for artificially accelerating the drying of plant
- 19 tissues.

- 1 "Early childhood education and care facility" means any
- 2 property licensed by the State of Hawaii for the care and
- 3 instruction of children from birth to age five.
- 4 "Environment" includes water, air, land, and all plants,
- 5 humans, and other animals living therein, and the
- 6 interrelationships that exist among these.
- 7 "EPA" means the United States Environmental Protection
- 8 Agency.
- 9 "Experimental use pesticide" means a pesticide whose use is
- 10 authorized by an experimental use permit by either the EPA or
- 11 the department.
- 12 "Extended care adult residential care home" means an adult
- 13 residential care home licensed by the State of Hawaii to provide
- 14 twenty-four-hour living accommodation for a fee, for adults
- 15 unrelated to the licensee. The primary caregiver shall be
- 16 qualified to provide care to nursing facility level individuals
- 17 who have been admitted to a medicaid waiver program, or persons
- 18 who pay for care from private funds and have been certified for
- 19 this type of facility. There shall be two categories of
- 20 extended care adult residential care homes, which shall be

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2	health:	
3	(1)	A type I home shall consist of five or fewer unrelated
4		persons with no more than two extended care adult
5		residential care home residents; and
6	(2)	A type II home shall consist of six or more unrelated
7		persons and one or more persons may be extended care
8		adult residential care home residents.
9	"Exp	anded adult residential care home" means any facility
10	licensed	by the State to provide twenty-four-hour living
11	accommoda	tions, for a fee, to adults unrelated to the family,
12	who requi	re at least minimal assistance in the activities of
13	daily liv	ing, personal care services, protection, and health

licensed in accordance with rules adopted by the department of

"Family child care home" means a private residence,

provided in an intermediate or skilled nursing facility.

17 including a home, apartment, unit, or townhouse, licensed by the

care services, and who may need the professional health services

- 18 State, at which care may be provided for three to no more than
- 19 six children who are unrelated to the caregiver by blood,
- 20 marriage, or adoption, at any given time.

- 1 "FIFRA" means the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and
- 2 Rodenticide Act, as amended.
- 3 "General use pesticide" means a pesticide other than one
- 4 designated as a restricted use pesticide.
- 5 "Group child care center" means a facility licensed by the
- 6 State, other than a private home, at which care is provided for
- 7 child care.
- 8 "Group child care home" means a facility licensed by the
- 9 State, which may be an extended or modified private home, at
- 10 which care is provided for seven to twelve children.
- "Health" includes physical and mental health.
- "Hospice home" means any facility operated by a licensed
- 13 hospice service agency providing twenty-four-hour living
- 14 accommodations to no more than five unrelated persons who are
- 15 admitted for hospice service.
- 16 "Hospital" includes all hospitals licensed by the State
- 17 pursuant section 321-14.5.
- 18 "Non-agricultural production area" means any area held and
- 19 operated by a commercial agricultural entity in conjunction with
- 20 real properties and areas used for commercial agricultural
- 21 production.



- 1 "Outdoor application" means an application of a pesticide
- 2 made outside of a building or enclosed structure. "Outdoor
- 3 application" excludes indoor applications of pesticides and
- 4 structural or termite application of pesticides, whether such
- 5 applications are applied in or outside a building or enclosed
- 6 structure.
- 7 "Pest" means any insect, rodent, nematode, fungus, weed, or
- 8 any other form of terrestrial or aquatic plant or animal life or
- 9 virus, bacterium, or any other microorganism, except viruses,
- 10 bacterium, or any other microorganisms on or in living humans or
- 11 other living animals, which the administrator of the EPA
- 12 determines to be a pest pursuant to the FIFRA.
- "Pest control operator" means a commercial pesticide
- 14 applicator, who is required to possess a valid license for pest
- 15 control under chapter 460J.
- "Pesticide" means:
- 17 (1) Any substance or mixture of substances intended for
- 18 preventing, destroying, repelling, or mitigating any
- 19 pest; and
- **20** (2) Any substance or mixture of substances intended for
- 21 use as a plant regulator, defoliant, or desiccant.



1 "Place of religious worship" means any church, synagogue, 2 mosque, temple, religious cemetery, or other religious real 3 property of any religious denomination where individuals or a 4 group of people gather to perform acts of devotion, veneration, 5 or religious study. 6 "Plant regulator" means any substance or mixture of 7 substances intended, through physiological action, for 8 accelerating or retarding the rate of growth or maturation or 9 for otherwise altering the behavior of plants or the produce 10 thereof, but does not include substances to the extent that they 11 are intended as plant nutrients, trace elements, nutritional 12 chemicals, plant inoculants, and soil amendments. **13** "Private pesticide applicator" means a certified pesticide 14 applicator who uses or supervises the use of any pesticide that **15** is classified for restricted use for purposes of producing any agricultural commodity on property owned or rented by the 16 **17** applicator or the applicator's employer if applied without 18 compensation other than trading of personal services between 19 producers of agricultural commodities on the property of another 20 person.

1	"PII	mary care clinic means a clinic licensed by the state
2	for outpa	tient services providing all preventive and routine
3	health ca	re services, management of chronic diseases,
4	consultat	ion with specialists when necessary, and coordination
5	of care a	cross health care settings or multiple providers or
6	both. Pri	mary care clinic providers include:
7	(1)	General or family practice physicians;
8	(2)	General internal medicine physicians;
9	(3)	Pediatricians;
10	(4)	Obstetricians and gynecologists;
11	(5)	Physician assistants; and
12	(6)	Advanced practice registered nurses.
13	"Res	tricted use pesticide" means:
14	(1)	A pesticide or pesticide use classified by the
15		administrator of the EPA for use by certified
16		applicators or competent persons under their direct
17		supervision and so designated on its label; or
18	(2)	A pesticide or pesticide use classified by the board
19		of agriculture for use by certified applicators or
20		competent persons under their direct supervision.
21	"Sen	sitive areas includes:

1	(1)	Any school, hospital, adult residential care home,
2		assisted living facility, child care facility, family
3		child care home, group child care center, group child
4		care home, hospice home, extended care adult
5		residential care home, expanded adult residential care
6		home, health care facility, primary care clinic, and
7		place of religious worship; and
8	(2)	Any shoreline, watershed, and bodies of perennial
9		waters.
10	"Sch	ool" means an academic and noncollege type school.
11	"School"	includes any early education, public schools,
12	departmen	t schools, and charter schools, as those terms are
13	defined u	nder section 302A-101, and private schools licensed by
14	the State	•
15	"Sch	ool grounds" means:
16	(1)	Land associated with any school, child care facility,
17		early childhood education and care facility, family
18		child care home, group child care center, or group
19		child care home, including playgrounds, athletic
20		fields, and agricultural fields used by students or
21		staff of any such entity; and

1	(2) Any other outdoor area used by students or stail of a
2	school that is under the control or operation of any
3	school, child care facility, early childhood education
4	and care facility, family child care home, group child
5	care center, or group child care home.
6	"Shoreline" means the upper reaches of the wash of the
7	waves, other than storm and seismic waves, at high tide during
8	the season of the year in which the highest wash of the waves
9	occurs, usually evidenced by the edge of vegetation growth, or
10	the upper limit of debris left by the wash of the waves.
11	"Surface water" means:
12	(1) Contained surface water or water upon the surface of
13	the earth in bounds created naturally or artificially
14	including, but not limited to, streams, other
15	watercourses, lakes, reservoirs, and coastal waters
16	subject to state jurisdiction; and
17	(2) Diffused surface water or water occurring upon the
18	surface of the ground other than in contained water
19	bodies.
20	"Surface water" includes water from natural springs when the
21	water exits from the spring onto the earth's surface.

1	"Wat	ershed" means:
2	(1)	An area from which the domestic water supply of any
3	,	city, town, or community is or may be obtained; or
4	(2)	An area where water infiltrates into artesian or other
5		ground-water areas from which the domestic water
6		supply of any city, town, or community is or may be
7		obtained, as determined by the department of land and
8		natural resources under section 183-31.
9	S	-4 Mandatory disclosure and notification of outdoor
10	pesticide	use on school grounds. Commencing July 1, 2016, any
11	school, c	hild care facility, early childhood education and care
12	facility,	family child care home, group child care center, and
13	group chi	ld care home that uses or purchases in excess of
14	pounds or	gallons of restricted use pesticides during a
15	prior cal	endar year shall disclose the use of any pesticides in
16	complianc	e with the following disclosure and notification
17	requireme:	nts:

(1) Provide public posting of warning signs to any outdoor application of pesticides on school grounds. The warning signs shall be posted a minimum of twenty-four hours prior to the outdoor application of any



	pesticide. The warning signs shall remain posted
2	during the outdoor application of any pesticide, and
3	shall remain posted until expiration of the applicable
4	restricted-entry interval established by the EPA for
5	the particular pesticide. The posting of warning
6	signs during and after the outdoor application of any
7	pesticide shall conform to the worker protection
8	standard established by the EPA. The pesticide
9	warning signs shall contain, but not be limited to,
10	the following information:
11	(A) The trade name of the pesticide to be applied;
12	(B) The name of the active ingredients of the
13	pesticide to be applied;
14	(C) The potential hazards to human and domestic
15	animals as listed in the precautionary statements
16	of the pesticide's label;
17	(D) Emergency telephone numbers to call in case of
18	poisoning from the pesticides; and
19	(E) Any other related information that the department
20	deems helpful and appropriate for consumers.

1	(2)	FTOV	ide, a minimum of twenty-four hours prior to the
2		outd	oor application of any pesticide on school
3		grou	nds, pre-application written notification to
4		pare	nts or guardians of children attending the school,
5		chil	d care facility, early childhood education and
6		care	facility, family child care home, group child
7		care	center, and group child care home. The written
8		pest:	icide pre-application notifications shall contain,
9		but :	not limited to, the following information:
10		(A)	The trade name of the pesticide to be applied;
11		(B)	The name of the active ingredients of the
12			pesticide to be applied;
13		(C)	The potential hazards to human and domestic
14			animals as listed in the precautionary statements
15			of the pesticide's label; and
16		(D)	Emergency telephone numbers to call in case of
17			poisoning from the pesticides.
18	(3)	Provi	ide, no later than sixty days following the end of
19		each	calendar year, annual public reports of any
20		pest	icides used in outdoor applications during each
21		caler	ndar year to the department. The public annual

1	re	eport shall be posted on the department's website.
2	TÌ	ne public annual reports shall contain, but not be
3	11	imited to, the following information:
4	(P	A) A listing of any pesticides used in outdoor
5		applications by federal and state registrations
6	·	or permit numbers, commercial product names, and
7		active ingredients;
8	(E	3) The total quantities used for each pesticide; and
9	(C	C) A general description of the geographic location
10		including at minimum the tax map key where the
11		pesticides were used.
12	§ -5	Mandatory disclosure and notification of commercial
13	agricultural	pesticide use. Commencing July 1, 2016, any
14	commercial a	gricultural entity that annually purchases or uses
15	in excess of	pounds or gallons of restricted use
16	pesticides d	during a prior calendar year shall disclose the use
17	of any pesti	cides in compliance with the following disclosure
18	and notifica	tion requirements:
19	(1) Pr	ovide public posting of warning signs, in the area
20	in	which pesticides are to be applied, a minimum of
21	tw	venty-four hours prior to the outdoor application of

I	any pesticide. The warning signs shall remain posted
2	during the outdoor application of any pesticide and
3	shall remain posted until expiration of the applicable
4	restricted-entry interval established by the EPA for
5	the particular pesticide. The posting of warning
6	signs during and after the outdoor application of any
7	pesticide shall conform to the worker protection
8	standard established by the EPA. The pesticide
9	warning signs shall contain, but not be limited to,
10	the following information:
11	(A) The trade name of the pesticide to be applied;
12	(B) The name of the active ingredients of the
13	pesticide to be applied;
14	(C) The potential hazards to human and domestic
15	animals as listed in the precautionary statements
16	of the pesticide's label;
17	(D) Emergency telephone numbers to call in case of
18	poisoning from the pesticides; and
19	(E) Any other related information the department
20	deems helpful and appropriate for consumers.

1 (2)	Provide written pre-application notification of any
2	pesticides a minimum of twenty-four hours prior to the
3	application of any pesticide, to any school, hospital,
4	adult residential care home, assisted living facility,
5	child care facility, family child care home, group
6	child care center, group child care home, hospice
7	home, extended care adult residential care home,
8	primary care clinic, place of religious worship, and
9	any property owner, lessee, or person otherwise
10	occupying any residential property within square
11	feet of the property line of the commercial
12	agricultural entity where any pesticide is anticipated
13	to be applied outdoors. The written pesticide pre-
14	application notifications shall contain, but not be
15	limited to, the following information:
16	(A) The trade name of the pesticide to be applied;
. 17	(B) The name of the active ingredients of the
18	pesticide to be applied;
19	(C) The potential hazards to human and domestic
20	animals as listed in the precautionary statements
21	of the pesticide's label;

1		(D)	Emergency telephone numbers to call in case of
2			poisoning from the pesticides; and
3		(E)	Any other related information the department
4			deems helpful and appropriate for consumers.
5	(3)	Prov	ide, no later than sixty days following the end of
6		each	calendar year, annual public reports of all
7		pest	icides used in outdoor applications during each
8		cale	ndar year to the department. The public annual
9		repo	rts shall be posted on the department's website.
10		The	public annual reports shall contain, but not be
11		limi	ted to, the following information:
12		(A)	A listing of all pesticides used in outdoor
13			applications by federal and state registration or
14			permit numbers, commercial product name and
15			active ingredient;
16		(B) ·	The total quantities used of each pesticide; and
17		(C)	A general description of the geographic location
18			including at minimum the tax map key and ahupua'a
19			where the pesticides were used.

1	S	-6 Pesticide buffer zones for sensitive areas. (a)
2	Commencir	ng July 1, 2016, any commercial agricultural entity that
3	purchases	s or uses in excess of a total of pounds
4	or g	gallons of restricted use pesticides annually, on
5	commercia	al agricultural production areas or non-agricultural
6	production	on areas, or both, shall restrict the outdoor
7	applicati	ion of all pesticides in the following areas:
8	(1)	No pesticide of any kind may be used within feet
9		of any school, child care facility, early childhood
10		education and care facility, family child care home,
11		group child care center, group child care home,
12		hospital, adult residential care home, assisted living
13		facility, hospice home, extended care adult
14		residential care home, primary care clinic, or place
15		of religious worship; and
16	(2)	No pesticide of any kind may be used within feet
17		of any surface water, watershed, or shoreline.
18	(b)	The restrictions set forth in subsection (a) are
19	intended	to be minimum standards. If this section, or any part
20	thereof,	is determined to conflict with any information
21	contained	l in the labels of the pesticides or other regulations,

- 1 including county or local regulation, the more restrictive
- 2 standard on pesticide application shall apply.
- 3 § -7 Implementation and establishment of pesticide
- 4 buffer zones for sensitive areas. (a) Any commercial
- 5 agricultural entity that is subject to section -6 shall
- 6 ensure that, prior to any outdoor application of pesticides, the
- 7 application site is positively identified using a unique and
- 8 verifiable method, including:
- 9 (1) An onboard, geo-referenced electronic mapping and
- navigation system, including a global positioning
- 11 system;
- 12 (2) Effective site markings visible to the pesticide
- applicator; or
- 14 (3) Other methods approved by the department.
- 15 (b) Any commercial agricultural entity that is subject to
- 16 section -6 shall, prior to any application of pesticides,
- 17 provide the certified pesticide applicator, commercial pesticide
- 18 applicator, private applicator, or pest control operator with a
- 19 site plan that includes a site map that:
- 20 (1) Delineates the boundaries of the application area and
- 21 the property lines;

- (2) Depicts the type and location of sensitive areas
 within feet of the application area; and
- 3 (3) Depicts the pesticide buffer zones for sensitive areas4 where no pesticide application is allowed.
- 5 S -8 Weather conditions. (a) Any school, child care
- 6 facility, early childhood education and care facility, family
- 7 child care home, group child care center, or group child care
- 8 home subject to section -4 shall not conduct any outdoor
- 9 application of pesticides when the wind speed is more
- 10 than per hour.
- 11 (b) Any commercial agricultural entity subject to
- 12 sections -5 and -6 shall not conduct any outdoor
- 13 application of pesticides when the wind speed is more than
- 14 per hour.
- 15 (c) The restrictions set forth in subsections (a) and (b)
- 16 are intended to be minimum standards. If this section, or any
- 17 part thereof, is determined to conflict with any information
- 18 contained in the labels of the pesticides or other regulations,
- 19 including county or local regulations, the more restrictive
- 20 standard on pesticide application shall apply.

1	s -y Exemptions. (a) Notwithstanding sections -/
2	and -8, any commercial agricultural entity may obtain from
3	the department a single use exemption from the prohibition on
4	outdoor applications of pesticides in pesticide buffer zones
5	around sensitive areas. The department shall issue a single use
6	exemption if it determines that:
7	(1) The pest situation poses an immediate threat to human
8	health and the environment; and
9	(2) There is no viable alternative to the use of the
10	proposed pesticide.
11	(b) Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in this
12	section, any school, child care facility, early childhood
13	education and care facility, family child care home, group child
14	care center, group child care home, or commercial agricultural
15	entity may obtain from the department a single use exemption
16	from the prohibition on outdoor applications of pesticides under
17	certain weather conditions. The department shall issue a single
18	use exemption if it determines that:
19	(1) The pest situation poses an immediate threat to human
20	health and the environment; and

- 1 (2) There is no viable alternative to the use of the
- proposed pesticide.
- 3 S -10 Penalties and citizen suits. (a) The department
- 4 may bring an action in a court of competent jurisdiction to
- 5 enjoin any person or entity from violating this chapter.
- 6 (b) The department may assess a civil monetary penalty
- 7 against any person or entity violating this chapter in the
- 8 amount of:
- **9** (1) \$ for a first violation;
- 10 (2) \$ for a second violation; and
- 11 (3) \$ for a third or subsequent violation.
- 12 In assessing penalties, each day of violation shall be
- 13 considered a separate violation.
- 14 (c) Any injured citizen of the State who acts in the
- 15 public interest may, after giving notice of the alleged
- 16 violation to the department and the alleged violator and
- 17 subsequently waiting at least sixty days, bring an action to
- 18 enjoin violation of this chapter in any court of competent
- 19 jurisdiction.
- 20 (d) In a citizen suit action, the court may award to a
- 21 prevailing plaintiff reasonable costs and attorneys' fees

- 1 incurred in investigating and prosecuting an action to enforce
- 2 this chapter. The award may not include monetary damages, but
- 3 only fee and cost recovery.
- 4 § -11 Rulemaking. The department shall adopt rules
- 5 pursuant to chapter 91 to implement this chapter.
- 6 § -12 Authority of local government. Nothing in this
- 7 chapter shall be construed to prohibit or preempt the authority
- 8 of an unit of local government in the State, including counties
- 9 and any other political subdivisions within the State created
- 10 under article VIII, section 1, of the state constitution, to
- 11 regulate pesticide disclosure, notification, and use in a manner
- 12 that is equivalent to, or more stringent than the provisions
- 13 contained in this chapter.
- 14 § -13 Severability. If any provision of this chapter or
- 15 the application thereof to any person, commercial agricultural
- 16 entity, or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity does not
- 17 affect other provisions or applications of an ordinance that can
- 18 be given effect without the invalid provision or application,
- 19 and to this end the provisions of an ordinance are severable.

1 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2015.

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Report Title:

Outdoor Pesticide Use; Disclosure and Notice; County Regulations

Description:

Imposes disclosure, notification, and reporting requirements on outdoor use of pesticides in specified areas. Prohibits pesticide use within a certain distance from specified areas, including schools, health care facilities, and water resources. Bans prohibitions on qualifying county regulations.

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