

1	HOUSE CONCURRENT
2	RESOLUTION
3 4 5	REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO MONITOR PESTICIDE DRIFT.
6 7 8 9	WHEREAS, Hawaii does not have a regulatory structure in place to monitor pesticide drift; and
9 10 11 12	WHEREAS, drift from restricted use pesticides may have lingering effects on the environment long after the initial exposure; and
13 14 15 16 17	WHEREAS, pesticide drift is governed by a variety of factors which determine how much of the pesticide application deposits on surfaces where contact with residues can eventually lead to indirect exposures; and
18 19 20 21 22 23	WHEREAS, the United States Environmental Protection Agency classifies pesticides as restricted use pesticides if they are determined to cause "unreasonable adverse effects on the environment" when used "without additional regulatory restrictions"; and
24 25 26 27	WHEREAS, an example of pesticide drift is children playing on lawns that are next to treated fields and where residues have deposited; and
28 29 30 31 32 33	WHEREAS, the American Academy of Pediatrics in a report entitled "Pesticide Exposure in Children," which reviewed 195 medical studies, stated that pesticides may be linked to childhood cancers, neurobehavioral and cognitive deficits, adverse birth outcomes, and asthma; and
34 35 36 37 38 39	WHEREAS, residents of three Hawai'i counties have demanded that their local governments take action under the counties' authority to regulate agriculture, ensure the welfare of its residents, and fulfill its duty to protect public resources; now, therefore,



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1 2 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the 3 Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular 4 Session of 2016, the Senate concurring, that the Department of Health is requested to study and monitor pesticide drift; and 5 6 7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department is requested to 8 take air samples for scientific testing of pesticides; and 9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department is requested to 10 summarize its findings in a report to be submitted to the 11 legislature no later than twenty days prior to the start of the 12 next legislative session; and 13 14 15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to Chairperson of the Board 16 of Agriculture, the Director of Health, and the Superintendent 17 18 of Education. 19 20 OFFERED BY: July Mall 21

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