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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO AGRICULTURE.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that many Hawaii
- 2 residents are becomingly increasingly concerned that there is
- 3 insufficient oversight of restricted use pesticides. Response
- 4 times to alleged restricted use pesticide violations are
- 5 unreasonably long, particularly on the island of Oahu. To
- 6 address public concerns, and in the interest of public health,
- 7 safety, and welfare, it is of utmost importance that there are a
- 8 sufficient number of agriculture inspectors to properly
- 9 administer and regulate restricted use pesticides in accordance
- 10 with the Hawaii Pesticides Law.
- 11 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds to support
- 12 three additional inspector positions on the island of Oahu
- 13 within the department of agriculture's pesticides branch.
- 14 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
- 15 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
- 16 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2016-2017 for
- 17 the department of agriculture to hire three full-time equivalent



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- 1 (3.0 FTE) inspector positions on the island of Oahu within the
- 2 department of agriculture's pesticides branch.
- 3 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
- 4 agriculture for the purposes of this Act.
- 5 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2016.

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# S.B. NO. 2513

### Report Title:

Department of Agriculture; Pesticides; Inspector Positions; Appropriation

### Description:

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