





1        (b) For the purposes of this section, unless the context  
2 clearly requires otherwise, "nonchemical methods" means:

3        (1) Using mechanical means such as mowing, side cutting,  
4 weed whacking, torch burning, or hot water (steam)  
5 applications;

6        (2) Planting weed resistant low-growing ground cover or  
7 mulching hard-to-treat areas; and

8        (3) Utilizing community groups and "adopt a park", as well  
9 as other work resources, for extra hands or special  
10 projects."

11        SECTION 4. The department of land and natural resources  
12 shall develop and implement a plan for the phased reduction of  
13 herbicide use in the maintenance of public highways and report  
14 the nature and progress of the plan to the legislature no later  
15 than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session  
16 of 2018.

17        SECTION 5. There is appropriated out of the general  
18 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$                    or so  
19 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2017-2018 and  
20 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal  
21 year 2018-2019 for a grant-in-aid to each county for expenses





# S.B. NO. 144

**Report Title:**

Herbicide Use; Public Parks; Public Highways; Appropriation

**Description:**

Requires all state agencies to rely on nonchemical methods of controlling vegetation growth in the maintenance of the state park system. Requires state and county governments to maintain public highways with nonchemical methods of controlling vegetation growth. Appropriates funds to each county.

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