

# H.B. NO. 1017

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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE PESTICIDE USE REVOLVING FUND.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that there are state laws  
2 that regulate pesticides. The legislature further finds that  
3 providing an increased cost threshold will allow the department  
4 of agriculture to maintain consistent funding in the State's  
5 efforts to provide pesticide regulation with informed and  
6 educated studies.

7           The purpose of this Act is to increase the pesticide use  
8 revolving fund threshold amount in order to allow the department  
9 to have funds available to carry out its mandate in section  
10 149A-13.5.

11           SECTION 2. Section 149A-13.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
12 amended by amending subsection (e) to read as follows:

13                   "(e) All unobligated, unencumbered, or unexpended  
14 funds remaining in the fund in excess of [~~\$250,000~~  
15 \$1,000,000 at the close of each fiscal year shall lapse to  
16 the state general fund."

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1           SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is  
2 bracketed and stricken. New statutory material is  
3 underscored.

4           SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its  
5 approval.

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INTRODUCED BY:   
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**Report Title:**

Pesticide Use Revolving Fund; Ceiling

**Description:**

Increase the Pesticide Use Revolving Fund threshold from \$250,000 to \$1,000,000. Allows for additional pesticide education specialists and future research and studies.

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## JUSTIFICATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Department of Agriculture

TITLE: A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PESTICIDE USE REVOLVING FUND.

PURPOSE: All unobligated, unencumbered, or unexpended funds exceeding \$1,000,000 shall lapse to the state general fund.

MEANS: Amend section Chapter 149A-13.5(e), Hawaii Revised Statutes.

JUSTIFICATION: The Pesticide Use Revolving Fund serves as the department's funding mechanism for the State's educational arm in pesticide regulation. In light of recent findings and recommendations of the Joint Fact Finding report, the department has found it paramount to raise the pesticide registration fees in the state threefold. Through its rulemaking, the department will have more funds available in the Pesticide Use Revolving Fund to continue its efforts in pesticide education and expand the department's duty to conduct expert analysis on the effects of pesticides.

Impact on the public: The public who are involved in the pesticide registration process will experience a tripling of fees. This fee however, will only put Hawaii at the middle when comparing to other US mainland states.

Impact on the department and other agencies:  
None.

GENERAL FUND: None.

OTHER FUNDS: None.

PPBS PROGRAM

DESIGNATION: AGR 846.

OTHER AFFECTED  
AGENCIES: None.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon approval.