## 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, Hawaii Revised Statutes.
- 11 SECTION 2. Section 149A-13.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 12 amended by amending subsection (e) to read as follows:
- "(e) All unobligated, unencumbered, or unexpended funds
- 14 remaining in the fund in excess of [\$250,000] \$1,000,000 at the
- 15 close of each fiscal year shall lapse to the state general
- 16 fund."
- 17 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
- 18 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

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# <u>#</u>.B. NO. 2543

## Report Title:

Pesticide Use Revolving Fund; Ceiling

## Description:

Increase the Pesticide Use Revolving Fund threshold from \$250,000 to \$1,000,000.

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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 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 ability to conduct expert analysis on the effects of pesticides.

Impact on the public:

None.

Impact on the department and other agencies: This bill will increase the Department's

resources to carry out the fund's purposes.

GENERAL FUND: None.

OTHER FUNDS: None.

PPBS PROGRAM

DESIGNATION: AGR 846.

OTHER AFFECTED

AGENCIES: None.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon approval.