A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO AGRICULTURE.

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

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that many Hawaii residents are becomingly increasingly concerned that there is insufficient oversight of restricted use pesticides. Response times to alleged restricted use pesticide violations are unreasonably long, particularly on the island of Oahu. To address public concerns, and in the interest of public health, safety, and welfare, it is of utmost importance that there are a sufficient number of agriculture inspectors to properly administer and regulate restricted use pesticides in accordance with the Hawaii Pesticides Law.

The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds to support three additional inspector positions on the island of Oahu within the department of agriculture's pesticides branch.

SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2017-2018 for the department of agriculture to hire three full-time equivalent



(3.0 FTE) inspector positions on the island of Oahu within the department of agriculture's pesticides branch.

The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of agriculture for the purposes of this Act.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2017.

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