
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENTS OF AGRICULTURE AND HEALTH TO EVALUATE CALIFORNIA'S CURRENT AND PENDING REGULATIONS ON CHLORPYRIFOS AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF SIMILAR REGULATIONS IN HAWAII.

1 WHEREAS, in 2016, the United States Environmental
2 Protection Agency released a revised human health risk
3 assessment for the chemical pesticide chlorpyrifos, confirming
4 that it does not have any safe uses; and

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6 WHEREAS, the Environmental Protection Agency found that:

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8 (1) There is no safe level of human exposure to food and
9 drinking water containing chlorpyrifos;
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11 (2) Chlorpyrifos remains at unsafe levels as far as three
12 hundred feet beyond the edge of a field where it is
13 has been applied, due to pesticide drift;
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15 (3) Chlorpyrifos has been detected at unsafe levels in the
16 air at schools, homes, and communities in agricultural
17 areas;
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19 (4) Workers who mix and apply chlorpyrifos are exposed to
20 unsafe levels of the pesticide even with the use of
21 the maximum level of personal protective equipment and
22 engineering controls;
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24 (5) Farms often allow field workers to re-enter fields
25 within five days after spraying chlorpyrifos despite
26 unsafe exposure levels persisting, on average, for
27 eighteen days after application; and
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29 (6) Chlorpyrifos is acutely toxic and associated with
30 neurodevelopmental harms in children, causing



1 intelligence deficits and attention, memory, and motor
2 problems; and
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4 WHEREAS, on December 15, 2017, the Office of Environmental
5 Health Hazard Assessment of the California Environmental
6 Protection Agency added chlorpyrifos to the list of chemicals
7 known to the State of California to cause reproductive and
8 developmental toxicity; and
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10 WHEREAS, the State of California Developmental and
11 Reproductive Toxicant Identification Committee also noted that
12 chlorpyrifos causes reproductive and developmental toxicity and,
13 starting December 15, 2018, all California businesses with ten
14 or more employees will be required to provide a clear and
15 reasonable warning before knowingly exposing anyone to
16 chlorpyrifos above a certain level determined by California's
17 Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986; and
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19 WHEREAS, the Department of Agriculture testified in a joint
20 House of Representatives hearing before the Committee on
21 Agriculture and the Committee on Energy and Environmental
22 Protection that the Department of Agriculture considers
23 California as a model for Hawaii with regard to pesticide
24 regulation and use; now, therefore,
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26 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
27 Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
28 of 2018, that the Departments of Agriculture and Health are
29 requested to jointly evaluate California's current and pending
30 regulations on chlorpyrifos and develop recommendations for
31 similar regulations applicable to Hawaii; and
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33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Departments of Agriculture and
34 Health are requested to evaluate any negative impact on Hawaii
35 if the Environmental Protection Agency regulations on
36 chlorpyrifos are not implemented; and
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38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Departments of Agriculture and
39 Health are requested to submit a report of their findings and
40 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the
41 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
42 the Regular Session of 2019; and



BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to Chairperson of the Board of Agriculture and the Director of Health.

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