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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PESTICIDES.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 149A-51, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 "~~§149A-51~~ **Advisory committee.** (a) There shall be an  
4 advisory committee on pesticides composed of but not limited to  
5 the chairperson, or the chairperson's designated representative,  
6 who shall head the committee and one representative each from  
7 the department of health, department of land and natural  
8 resources, department of education, University of Hawaii college  
9 of tropical agriculture and human resources, [~~sugar industry~~,]  
10 each county mayors' office, Hawaii Farmers Union United,  
11 pineapple industry, Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation, pesticide  
12 industry, structural pest control industry, an environmental  
13 organization, a citizen group, [~~and~~] a landscape  
14 professional[-], a medical expert, and a non-governmental  
15 organization scientist. Members of the advisory committee shall  
16 be appointed by the governor from a list of persons recommended



1 by the respective agencies and industries in accordance with  
2 section 26-34.

3 (b) The committee shall advise and assist the department  
4 in developing or revising laws and rules to carry out and  
5 effectuate the purposes of this chapter and in advising the  
6 department in pesticide problems. Specifically, the committee  
7 shall:

8 (1) Establish state standards for chronicity to account  
9 for low-level continuous exposures;

10 (2) Evaluate and recommend to the legislature specific  
11 changes to the State's pesticide laws and regulations;

12 (3) Revise and expand the Kauai agricultural good neighbor  
13 program statewide; and

14 (4) Establish a comprehensive buffer zone policy for the  
15 State.

16 For purposes of this section, "chronicity" means the degree to  
17 which pesticide exposure at levels lower than acute exposure  
18 thresholds can cause harmful chronic and compounding effects."

19 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
20 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

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1 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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**Report Title:**

Pesticide Advisory Committee; Membership; Powers and Duties

**Description:**

Expands the membership of the pesticide advisory committee to include a representative from the DOE, each county mayors' office, a medical expert, and a non-governmental organization scientist. Expands the duties of the pesticide advisory committee to include establishment of state standards for chronicity, recommendation to the legislature of specific changes to the State's pesticide laws and regulations, expansion of the good neighbor program, and establishment of a comprehensive buffer zone policy for the State.

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