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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON 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.** There shall be an advisory
4 committee on pesticides to be placed within the department of
5 agriculture for administrative purposes and be composed of but
6 not limited to the chairperson, or the chairperson's designated
7 representative, who shall head the committee and one
8 representative each from the department of health, department of
9 land and natural resources, University of Hawaii college of
10 tropical agriculture and human resources, [~~sugar industry,~~
11 ~~pineapple industry,~~] coffee industry, diversified agriculture
12 industry, Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation, pesticide industry,
13 structural pest control industry, an environmental organization,
14 a citizen group, and a landscape professional. Members of the
15 advisory committee shall be appointed by the governor from a
16 list of persons recommended by the respective agencies and
17 industries in accordance with section 26-34. The committee
18 shall advise and assist the department in developing or revising

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1 laws and rules to carry out and effectuate the purposes of this
2 chapter and in advising the department in pesticide problems."

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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed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

5 SECTION 3. This Act, upon its approval, shall take effect
6 on July 1, 2022.

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INTRODUCED BY: _____



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Report Title:

Department of Agriculture; Advisory Committee on Pesticides

Description:

Removes the statutory requirement to have representatives of the pineapple and sugar industries on the Advisory Committee on Pesticides and adds the statutory requirement to have representatives of the coffee and diversified agriculture industries on the Advisory Committee on Pesticides.

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JUSTIFICATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Agriculture

TITLE: A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON PESTICIDES.

PURPOSE: To remove the statutory requirement to have representatives of the pineapple and sugar industries on the Advisory Committee on Pesticides and add a statutory requirement to have representatives of the coffee and diversified agriculture industries on the Advisory Committee on Pesticides. The bill would also clarify that the advisory committee is placed within the Department of Agriculture for administrative purposes.

MEANS: Amend section 149A-51, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

JUSTIFICATION: The Advisory Committee on Pesticides is tasked with advising and assisting the Department of Agriculture in developing or revising laws and rules to carry out and effectuate the purposes of chapter 149A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, and with advising the department in pesticide problems. At the time of the Advisory Committee's establishment, the sugar and pineapple industries were major stakeholders in the State's agricultural industry. In 1980, Hawaii was home to fourteen sugar and four pineapple plantations, which covered more than 300,000 acres. In 2017, these two crops accounted for less than 5,000 acres. It is, therefore, the purpose of this bill to remove the requirement that the sugar and pineapple industries be represented on the Advisory Committee on Pesticides and update the committee to include the coffee and diversified agricultural representatives.

According to a 2017 U.S. Department of Agriculture report, diversified agriculture accounted for over \$84 million in production

while the Hawaii-grown coffee, with an annual production value of over \$43 million, is the second largest single crop in the State. The coffee industry has been burdened by the recent detection of Coffee Leaf Rust (*Hemileia vastatrix*) in Hawaii. Its detection has required industry consultation for appropriate pesticide use in an Emergency Use situation due to the lack of approved and appropriate products for treatment of Coffee Leaf Rust. As such, the agricultural community and the public will be better served by industry representatives that more accurately reflect the present agricultural industry of the State.

Impact on the public: The public will be better served by industry representatives that more accurately reflect the present agricultural industry of the State.

Impact on the department and other agencies: The proposed amendment will provide stronger representation from the agricultural industry on the relevant issues of pesticide application, education, and outreach.

GENERAL FUND:	None.
OTHER FUNDS:	None.
PPBS PROGRAM DESIGNATION:	AGR 846.
OTHER AFFECTED AGENCIES:	None.
EFFECTIVE DATE:	July 1, 2022.