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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. The advisory committee on pesticides is tasked
2 with advising and assisting the department of agriculture in
3 developing or revising laws and rules to carry out and
4 effectuate the purposes of chapter 149A, Hawaii Revised
5 Statutes, and with advising the department in pesticide
6 problems. At the time of the advisory committee's
7 establishment, the sugar and pineapple industries were major
8 stakeholders in the State's agricultural landscape. In 1980,
9 Hawaii was home to fourteen sugar and four pineapple plantations
10 that covered more than 300,000 acres. In 2017, these two crops
11 accounted for less than 5,000 acres. According to a 2017 U.S.
12 Department of Agriculture report, diversified agriculture
13 accounted for over \$84 million in production while the coffee
14 industry provided the State over \$43 million. It is therefore
15 the purpose of this Act to remove the statutory requirement that
16 the sugar and pineapple industries be represented on the
17 advisory committee on pesticides, while clarifying and updating



1 the composition of the committee to include industry
2 representatives, such as representatives of diversified family
3 farms and public health, to more accurately reflect the current
4 state of Hawaii's agricultural industry.

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

7 "**§149A-51 Advisory committee.** There shall be an advisory
8 committee on pesticides composed of but not limited to the
9 chairperson, or the chairperson's designated representative, who
10 shall head the committee and one representative each from the
11 department of health, department of land and natural resources,
12 ~~[University of Hawaii college of tropical agriculture and human~~
13 ~~resources, sugar industry, pineapple industry,]~~ Hawaii Farm
14 Bureau Federation, Hawaii Farmers Union United, pesticide
15 industry, public health industry, structural pest control
16 industry, an environmental organization, a citizen group, and a
17 landscape professional. The advisory committee shall also
18 include an integrated pest management specialist from University
19 of Hawaii college of tropical agriculture and human resources.
20 Members of the advisory committee shall be appointed by the
21 governor from a list of persons recommended by the respective



1 agencies and industries in accordance with section 26-34. The
2 committee shall advise and assist the department in developing
3 or revising laws and rules to carry out and effectuate the
4 purposes of this chapter and in advising the department in
5 pesticide problems."

6 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
7 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

8 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2022.

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INTRODUCED BY: _____

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Report Title:

Department of Agriculture; Advisory Committee on Pesticides

Description:

Replaces the statutory requirement to include representatives of the pineapple and sugar industries on the Advisory Committee on Pesticides with requirements to include a representative of the Hawaii Farmers Union United and a public health professional on the Advisory Committee on Pesticides. Specifies that the member representing the University of Hawaii College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources be an integrated pest management specialist.

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