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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO EXAMINE ORGANIC
PESTICIDES FOR AUTHORIZED USE IN THE STATE.

1 WHEREAS, in recent years, organic pesticides have emerged
2 as a popular alternative to conventional synthetic pesticides;
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5 WHEREAS, organic pesticides usually come from natural
6 sources, such as plants, minerals, or microorganisms, and are
7 minimally processed; and
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9 WHEREAS, many farmers prefer organic pesticides over
10 synthetic alternatives because organic pesticides typically
11 break down faster in the environment, leaving no residual
12 activity after a relatively short time; and
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14 WHEREAS, organic pesticides, particularly biological
15 insecticides, can also be selective in the types of pests
16 controlled, which reduces potential harm to non-target species
17 such as pollinators and other beneficial insects; and
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19 WHEREAS, Hawaii has been impacted by various agricultural
20 diseases and invasive species that threaten the State's
21 agricultural industries; and
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23 WHEREAS, identifying organic pesticides that can bolster
24 Hawaii's agricultural sustainability while minimizing lasting
25 environmental effects is a worthwhile endeavor; and
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27 WHEREAS, currently, pesticide manufacturers, and other
28 authorized individuals, must submit an application to the
29 Department of Agriculture to license pesticides for use in the
30 State; and
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1 WHEREAS, the Department of Agriculture should be more
2 proactive in finding safe, organic pesticides for Hawaii's local
3 farmers; now, therefore,
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5 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-second
6 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2023, the
7 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of
8 Agriculture is requested to:
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- 10 (1) Study organic pesticides that are currently licensed
11 or authorized for use in the State; and
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13 (2) Find organic pesticides that are not currently
14 licensed or authorized for use, or otherwise
15 prohibited, in the State, and test those organic
16 pesticides for authorized use in the State; and
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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Agriculture
19 is requested to submit a report of its findings and
20 recommendations regarding organic pesticides, including any
21 proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty
22 days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2024; and
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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
25 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the
26 Board of Agriculture.
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29 OFFERED BY: 

