
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO NEONICOTINOIDS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that neonicotinoid
2 insecticides are neurotoxic insecticides that permanently bind
3 together to insect nerve cells, overstimulating and destroying
4 them. Neonicotinoids are the most widely used class of
5 insecticides around the world.

6 The legislature further finds that research overwhelmingly
7 shows that neonicotinoid pesticides have destructive impacts on
8 pollinator populations, killing bees, butterflies, and birds,
9 and pose a serious threat to food systems, ecosystems, and
10 public health. Growing scientific evidence also suggests that
11 neonicotinoids have serious adverse health impacts for humans.
12 Neonicotinoid contamination is common in water supplies, food,
13 and human bodies.

14 Therefore, the purpose of this Act is to:

15 (1) Classify neonicotinoid pesticides as restricted use
16 pesticides; and



1 (2) Establish a list of chemicals that belong to the
2 neonicotinoid class of chemicals to be included under
3 this classification.

4 SECTION 2. Section 149A-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
5 amended as follows:

6 1. By adding a new definition to be appropriately inserted
7 and to read:

8 "Neonicotinoid pesticide" means any pesticide containing a
9 chemical belonging to the neonicotinoid class of chemicals,
10 including but not limited to acetamiprid, clothianidin,
11 dinotefuran, imidacloprid, nitenpyram, nithiazine, thiacloprid,
12 thiamethoxam, or any other chemical designated by the EPA as
13 belonging to the neonicotinoid class of chemicals.

14 "Neonicotinoid pesticide" does not include any wood preservative
15 pesticides or wood preservative products that contain
16 neonicotinoid, other similar pesticides used to treat wood
17 products, pesticides used by the structural pest control
18 industry for household pests in and around the home, in-home pet
19 and pest treatments, or products used indoors."

20 2. By amending the definition of "restricted use
21 pesticide" to read:



H.B. NO. 2648

Report Title:

Neonicotinoid Pesticides; Restricted Use Pesticides

Description:

Amends the definition of "restricted use pesticide" to include neonicotinoid pesticides.

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